

West Germany star Rainer Bonhof

The Contestants

IN the red corner, Kenneth Dalglish. 5ft 8½in tall; weighs in at 11st 13lb. Born Glasgow, Scotland. Won a cupboard-full of medals in ten triumphant seasons with Celtic (scoring 112 goals in 202 games) before his £440,000 transfer to Liverpool in 1977 to take on the difficult job of replacing Kevin Keegan. Scored 20 goals in The Reds' League campaign and hit the winner in the 1978 European Cup Final to give Liverpool their second successive win. Has won a record 60 caps for Scotland. 60 caps for Scotland. In the blue corner, Kevin Keegan.

5ft 8in tall; weighs in at 10st 10lb. Born Doncaster, England. Transferred from Scunthorpe United to Liverpool for £30,000 in 1971, and went on to win three League Championships, one F.A. Cup, two U.E.F.A. Cups and one European Cup with The Reds before being transferred at his own request to Hamburger SV for £500,000, with whom he is currently playing in the West German Bundesliga. Has won 40 caps for England.

The Referee

Rainer Bonhof, the West German midfielder who helped Borussia

Monchengladbach to Bundesliga titles in 1971, 1975, 1977; a U.E.F.A. Cup win in 1975; has over 40 caps for West Germany, playing in the last two World Cups and becoming World Champions in 1974. He's repeatedly played against Liverpool in European competitions in both the Keegan and Dalqlish eras: has met Keegan and Dalglish eras; has met Keegan at international level and in the German League; and had a close look at Dalglish in Argentina. Now plays for Valencia after the Spanish club clinched a £550,000 deal during the summer.

"I'd like to say before the 'fight' starts this is one of the most difficult things I've ever been asked to do! Both are excellent players — among the best in Europe — and it's embarrassing to have to choose between them! I must also point out I know a little must also point out I know a little more about Keegan, having played against him a lot more, including three times last season, so I've had the opportunities to make detailed observations. Anyway, here goes!"



"I know Keegan has scored a lot of vital goals in his career, but I have the impression Dalglish has a betthe impression Dalglish has a better record in this respect. I wouldn't necessarily say there was much difference in their ability to score goals, but I think Dalglish normally plays in more advanced positions than Keegan, and this gives him better scoring opportunities. A narrow verdict for Dalglish, I think."

Round Two – Goal-making ability

"This is one of the areas where it's really difficult to separate them.

Rainer Bonhof

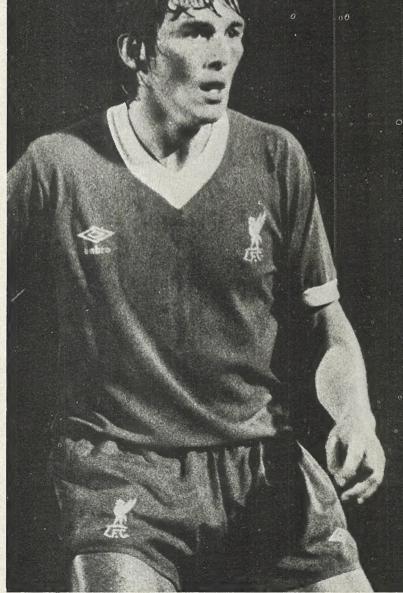
They're both excellent at spotting the defence-splitting pass, and neither of them is a selfish player. Liverpool are scoring a lot of goals this season, and I know Keegan is laying-on plenty for Hrubesch at Hamburg."

Round Three — Speed

ୀ think Kevin Keegan definitely has the edge here. He's one of the fastest players I've ever seen, and everything he does is done at sprint speed. Dalglish is also fast, but I wouldn't back him to out-run Keegan."

Round Four — Work-rate

"This is very, very difficult for me to judge and, although I've played against both players, you really need to play with them to be able to say definitely one way or the other. Both men like to be in the game all the time, and both get





"referees" a ten round contest

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through a tremendous amount of work in the 90 minutes. I'd probably give this one to Keegan because of what I was saying before about everything he does being done at such tremendous speed. Also, he plays more of a midfield role these days, and his work-rate in the Bundesliga is bordering on madness!

Round Five — Which is the more difficult player to mark?

"Keegan. Again, they are both players who create all sorts of problems, but I consider Keegan's move to Germany has given him much more experience in dealing with tight man-to-man marking, and also his tremendous work-rate can wear down his marker towards the end of a match. I'd give him my vote here, definitely."

Round Six — Ability to read the game

"I'd say basically, there's nothing to choose between them here. But once again I'd give the round to Keegan simply because he's now acquired wide experience of two very different Leagues. Dalglish is excellent at reading a typically British game, but the British game is a rather special type of football. Keegan had all sorts of adaptation problems when he first arrived in Hamburg, but now I think his experience over there has given him a wider tactical understanding of the international game."

Round Seven — Heading ability

"Neither of them is particlarly tall but, surprisingly, both are excellent headers of the ball. I'd say keegan has slight edge here, which may surprise some people. If you watch him closely you'll see he can do nearly as much with his

head as he can with his feet! His two goals against Denmark were good examples, but in addition to his heading at goal, I'm impressed by his ability to give accurate passes with his head when there's no time to bring the ball down."

Round Eight — Temperament and personality

"They're similar, but different! Both like to get on with the job and it isn't easy to disturb their concentration. I think I'm right in saying Keegan has been sent-off a couple of times, and he was suspended for around eight weeks for striking an opponent in England and Germany. By contrast I've never heard of Dalglish being dismissed. Looking at it from a different angle, maybe that bit of 'fire' in Keegan's personality may help him to lift his game and his team when things are going badly, whereas Dalglish possibly has more 'quiet' games. On balance, I'd say they're about equal here."

Round Nine — Value to the team

"This is tricky because they have slightly different roles in the side, with Dalglish playing more as an out-and-out attacker. Keegan is possibly a better asset because he can play a much wider variety of roles within the team according to the circumstances. Maybe Dalglish could be as versatile, but he hasn't had the chance to prove it yet."

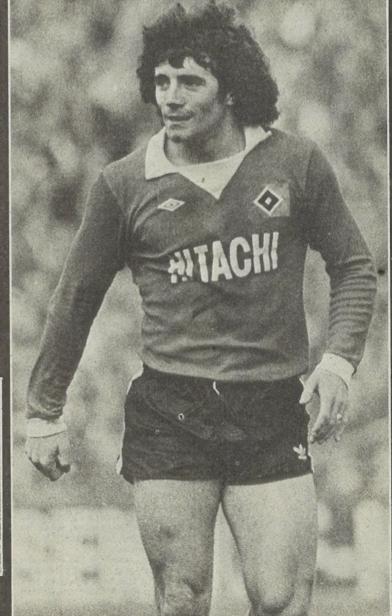
Round Ten — Performances at international level

"Kevin Keegan again, I'm afraid.
Admittedly I haven't seen that
much of Dalglish in Scotland
games, and it isn't really fair to
judge him on his World Cup performances, because it was obvious

the whole team was below par, and not just Kenny Dalglish. In the same way, I wouldn't like anyone to judge me on my performance in Argentina. I think Kevin Keegan has undoubtedly given more topclass performances at international level, though, if I remember rightly, he was also criticised at first for not reproducing his club form at international level."

The Verdict

"I see I've given Kevin Keegan the edge in seven out of the ten rounds, and this is what I was afraid of! I've given the impression of a crushing victory for Keegan, but in fact there isn't a lot of difference between the two. For example, I'd give Dalglish nine out of ten in most rounds, but he has the bad luck to be 'fighting' against Keegan, who is, in my opinion, a ten-out-of-ten player. I make no secret of the fact I have great admiration for Kevin Keegan, and I rate him as the best and most complete player in Europe at the moment. Kenny Dalglish may come out second best in my points verdict, but with 'champ' Keegan in the other corner, that's no disgrace at all."





For his height Keegan is very good in the air . . . as he demonstrates (left) against Anderlecht. Dalglish (above) is on hand to score Liverpool's fourth goal against Manchester City at Maine Road earlier this season. 'Pool won 4-1.

Young talent blooms at The HAWTHORNS



MANY managers are currently casting covetous glances towards West Bromwich Albion where Albion's emergence from the shadows, which began three and a half years ago under dynamic Dubliner Johnny Giles,



has embraced some of the best

has embraced some of the best young players in England. Laurie Cunningham, Cyrille Regis and Derek Statham — whose combined ages would not give them an old age pension — must all be on the threshold of full international honours.

Cunningham's silken skills were nurtured in the soccer backwaters of Orient before Ronnie Allen, then doing part-time scouting for Albion, persuaded Giles to spend £110,000 to sign him in March,

1977.
Cunningham justified the outlay by becoming the first black player to represent England at Under-21 international level, scoring England's winner on his debut against Scotland Under-21's at Bramall Lane the following month.

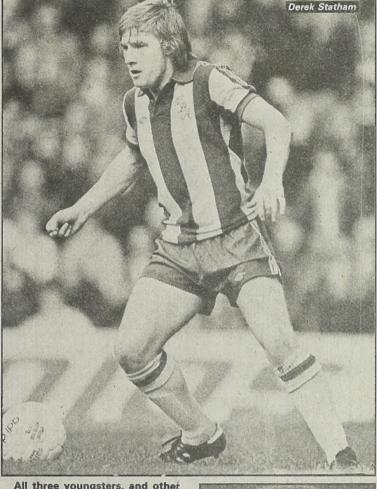
Two years ago Regis was working on London building sites as an electrician and playing semi-

electrician and playing semi-professionally with Isthmian

League Hayes.
Several League clubs were interested in him, but only Albion were prepared to back their judgment with hard cash. At £5,000 he was seen as a long-term invest-

Instead, he exploded into First Division action scoring 18 goals in his initial season as a professional. His meteoric rise to fame was enhanced in September, when he made his debut for England Under-21's in Denmark.

Statham, rated by Bill Shankly, Tom Finney and Bobby Charlton as potentially the best England full-back since Ray Wilson, was in Ron Greenwood's B squad at the tender age of 18.



All three youngsters, and other Albion prospects such as Tony Godden, Bryan Robson and John Trewick, have one vital asset in common. They have all benefited from West Bromwich's attitude and treatment of promising talent.

John Wile, club captain, former caretaker-manager and dressing-room father figure, believes gifted youngsters have a better chance of fulfilling their potential at The Hawthorns than anywhere else. On his own admission Wile has

known good and bad times since joining Albion from Peterborough in December, 1970. But their recent success backs his claim they are one of the best nurseries in the

country.

"There has always been a special atmosphere at Albion," explains Wile, who took over as manager for a short spell after Allen accepted a lucrative offer from the soccer-mad Saudi

Arabians.
"At our club the most senior professional is as important as the most inexperienced apprentice. That sort of attitude has played a large part in our recent success.

There are a great many traps a young player can fall into before and after he is established in the

first team.
"We have youngsters like
Cyrille, Laurie and Derek who seem to be on the verge of international honours. They are well prepared for the pressures they are

likely to meet.

"Albion's senior players make a point of keeping the youngsters' feet on the ground. Any player at the club in danger of over-reaching



himself is brought down to earth

by his team-mates.
"We explain everyone has a part
to play if the club is to be successful. It is stressed that no one is too old to learn."

Wile cites this year's trips to China and Turkey as examples of how everyone's football education

has been furthered.
"We toured China in the summer, and had to adapt to a completely different set of cultural ideas and courtesies.

"The conditions, even for the senior players, were totally alien. And our experience has been widened this season by our U.E.F.A. Cup trips to Portugal and, especially, Turkey.
"It is accepted youngsters and

experienced players work side by side for the good of the club both

on and off the pitch.
"Everyone at Albion is proud of the progress of our youngsters. It proves we are on the right lines."











Motherwell wanted Wallace

JOCK WALLACE (left) has been linked with the vacant Motherwell manager's post, but the Fir Park board can forget about trying to persuade him to return to Scotland.

"I've got to prove myself at Leicester," says the former Rangers' boss.
"I'm only interested in one job apart from this one and that is the Scotland manager's post. But there was only one man for that — Jock Stein — and he got it."

and a rough time for Watson

AIRDRIE could be on the look-out for a new manager soon. The fans have been giving Bobby Watson a rough time of it this season and the former Rangers and Motherwell player, who is a prosperous businessman, will not tolerate the situation unless the Broomfield support gets behind the club. At the start of the season, after only a few weeks in charge of the team, Watson held an open day on Sunday to give the fans an opportunity to talk to him about their grievances, but, believe it or not, only TWO bothered to turn up. In recent years Ian McMillan and Ralph Collins have quit as Airdrie bosses. Watson could make that an unhappy hat-trick.

EIRE'S answer to Brian Clough is the much-travelled Amby Fogarty.

Fogarty (a former colleague of Clough's at Hartlepdol) took over the turbulent Cork Celtic at the beginning of the season when the club were almost insolvent.

Despite having to play some of their home games away from Turner's Cross, because the club had ruled it unplayable, Amby has lifted the Cork club into a respectable spot in the table.

DOES any country want to play the Republic of Ireland in a friendly on February 7th, 1979?

Seriously, Peader O'Driscoll, the F.A.I. secretary, has been unsuccessful in his efforts to get opposition for this date which coincides with the England European Championship tie with Northern Ireland.

SHOOT is widely read in several countries and we hope this appeal will lead to Eire getting a much-needed game before their European Championship hopes resume next May.

WHILE a lot of attention is focused on the goal-scoring exploits of Tottenham's Colin Lee, other scouts combing the West Country are watching the progress of his younger brother Michael.

Playing as an amateur for Torquay, Michael, 19, is making a comeback after breaking a leg.

Like his brother he is hitting the goal-trail and, being well built, is good in the air.

"He is bigger than me," said Spurs' striker Colin, who stands 6ft 1in in his football socks, "and broader, too."

Colin, who rocketed to fame when he scored four against Bristol Rovers last season, could be followed

against Bristol Rovers last season, could be followed into the big time by his younger brother if he turns professional

BETWEEN November, 1935, and January, 1936, Aston Villa spent £35,500 on SEVEN new spent £35,500 on SEVEN new players to help them in their battle to avoid relegation from Division One. Five of the new men were internationals — Gordon Hodgson (England); George Cummings and Alex Massie (Scotland); Tom Griffiths and Cuthbert Phillips (Wales). The other two were Jack Palethorpe and J. J. Williams. The expenditure of such a "colossal" sum — well, it was in those days! — created such a Colostal sum — Well, it was in those days! — created something of a sensation. But it failed. Villa finished a disastrous season in 21st place and dropped into Division

JOB FOR JACK

WHEN Football League referees retire at the obligatory age of 47, they are invariably lost to the game. Therefore, it is especially pleasing when a man whom many rate as one of our best referees announces his future remains in football. The ref in question is none other than Jack Taylor (right), 0.B.E., who recently became Wolves' first ever commercial

Despite Wolves' problems on the pitch, Jack assures me he is enjoying every minute of his work and the esteem in which he is held by the Molineux board can be gauged from the fact he was, unhesitatingly appointed as the club's Press spokesman at the time of Sammy Chung's

Wolves have been the ex-World Cup Final referee's first love since he first stood on the Molineux terraces as a schoolboy. After travelling the globe as a referee, Jack Taylor has at last come home. **********



ALTHOUGH he returned homesick from Everton during the summer, Martin Murray is anxious to have another "go" at the First

Meantime, he is turning out for Home Farm,

TOP SOCCER JOB FOR DR. KISSINGER

FORMER American Secretary of State Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, a life-long soccer fan, has been voted Chairman of the Board of the NASL. He has also pur-chased an option to buy an NASL Franchise in the future.

Dr. Kissinger said after his appointment: "I've loved soccer since I was a child and now I'm happy to be able to share and help in developing the sport in



Anderson Moves Up

FORMER Middlesbrough and Doncaster Rovers manager Stan Anderson has jumped from the Fourth Division into the First. Anderson quit Doncaster to become the right hand man of lan Greaves at Bolton Wanderers.

Anderson, 44, a former England international, had a playing career with the three major North-East clubs before taking up management with

before taking up management with Middlesbrough. At Bolton, he took over from a former Sunderland team mate, George Mulhall, who is now in charge of Bradford City.

Chelsea player at 12

CHELSEA may not be setting the First Division alight this season, but they have over the years had an outstanding knack for producing

promising youngsters.

One of the best of the latest crop could well prove to be midfielder John Bumstead, who impressed when playing against Moscow Dynamo.

Dynamo.

Rotherhithe-born John has certainly had a good grounding at Chelsea — he joined them as a 12-year-old! His schoolboy honours took in South London, Surrey and London.

***** "HOME, James" might well be the catch-phrase of all these League players: Adrian Aiston (Cardiff), Steve Kember (Palace), Leighton James (Burnley), Gordon Davies (Fulham), Paul Went (Orient), Derek Hales (Chariton), Derek Spence (Blackpool), Dennis Nelson and Phil Nicholis (Crewe), Frank Barton (Bournemouth), and Micky Moore (Wigan). Notice the tle-up? It's that all the lot have returned since last season to clubs they once left. clubs they once left.



Ulster's 300th Goal

BANGOR striker Martin Malone, the former Linfield and Portadown ace, hit Northern Ireland's 300th domestic goal this term, when he netted The Seasiders' first in a 2-3 November 18 away Hennessy Gold Cup defeat by Glenavon.

incidentally, opportunist Martin got both Bangor goals, and his goalscoring brother Paul, the prolific Glenavon marksman, netted two of his side's threesome, leaving the goal-happy Malones sharing no fewer than four of the game's five goals.

WALSALL, who have had their problems with discipline on the field this season, have set up a players' committee to deal with all future cases.

Eire international goalkeeper, Mick Kearns, Terry Austin, Steve Waddington and Don Penn are on the committee because they realise these sort of problems are often the difference between winning and losing.

Recently they had World Cup Final referee Jack Taylor at Fellows Park to give them a talk on all facets of the game and in particular how to create a better atmosphere with match officials.

Sporting

MARK Hilton, 18-year-old
Oldham midfielder, comes from
a sports mad family.
Brothers Mike, Pete, John and
Tony and sisters Margaret and
Bernadette are all as keen as
mustard on sport.
Mark has played his part. As a
schoolbey he won England
honours at basketball and
Manchester honours at rugby
and athletics. And he also plays
cricket for Higher Blackley.

DIVIDED LOYALTY

VALERIE Bennett had problems of VALERIE Bennett had problems of divided loyalty when Fourth Division Reading were defeated after a replay by Southampton in the League Cup. Valerie is the wife of Reading defender Paul Bennett and naturally she wanted her

husband to do well.

But she also has a job . , . working for Southampton.

"I work in one of their shops and have always supported Saints," she said. "I took some ribbing from my work-mates and it was all quite amusing for a time."

Her husband, a former Southampton player, was the star of Reading's 0-0 draw with Saints at Elm Park and also played in the replay which his old club won 2-0.

······ THE Football League Cup has been a major money-spinner for some clubs, but it's something like a kiss of death for others. Look at all this: Port Vale have won just three of their last 19 ties, Newport County four out of 16, Barnsley three of 14, Rochdale four of 13, Shrewsbury three of 12, Cardiff three of 11, Sunderland two of ten, Bradford City three of nine, Cam-bridge and Southend two of nine, and Aldershot none of seven!



BARRY Silkman (above), the Plymonth midfielder, has had his fair share of set-backs for a youngster — but he has always managed to bounce back.

Allowed to leave Fulham as a youngster; given a free transfer by Hereford in May, 1976, he has since given good service to Crystal Palace and Plymouth.

Palace boss Terry Venables gave him a two-year contract after he had trained at Selhurst Park for a couple of weeks in the summer of 1976.

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He went on loan to Plymouth in October and manager Malcolm Allison, who also realised Silkman's potential when he was boss of Palace, was struck by his assets

again.
After just two weeks of a month's loan had been completed, Allison decided to step in with a £50,000 fee.
"I think he is amazing," said Allison. "His attitude is so right. He has top-class potential

and will play until he drops.
"I've known him go out when he was only
75 per cent fit. He hegged me to let him play
and was going as strong at the end as he was
at the start. And I knew he was in pain. What
a guy!"

'Ritchie Stays'

MORTON manager Benny Rooney has given the Cappielow faithful the news that so far as he is concerned, Andy Ritchie is staying at Greenock.

The news was given only hours after Mr Magic scored a hat-trick against

Premier leaders Dundee United.
Ritchle is a part-timer like all his
Morton colleagues and was hankering
to go full-time. But he's now been given the job of pools development officer at the club and this virtually assures him of being in a full-time capacity at Cap-

our December 16th issue, we published a feature on Rochdale manager Mike Ferguson. Unfortunately, a few days after we went to Press, Mike parted company from the Fourth Division club. It was obviously something we could not foresee and wish Mike Ferguson all the best for the future.

BLOW

THE recent bread strike proved a bonus for West Bromwich players. They normally have sandwiches to eat on their way back in the luxury coach they ride around in.

But on the trip back from Ipswich

manager Ron Atkinson and the team stopped off in Cambridge for a full

"It almost makes me wish," said one player, "that there was a bread strike every time we travelled away."

But on the other hand it did mean they were later actions had been been actions bether hand.

they were later getting back home.

down an £8,000 Hartle-pool bid for goalkeeper Martin Burleigh.



AWARDING a giant bottle of whisky to a man who owns a pub might be a bit strange. But for Hearts manager Willie Ormond (right), there couldn't be a better place to receive his prize from Mackinlay's representative Neil Saunders than in Willie's own Footballer's Bar in Musselburgh.

musseiburgh.
The presentation marked Willie's recent nomination as
Mackinlay's Football Personality of the Month runner-up by a panel of top Scottish sports writers.

LOOK out for 16-year-old Bristol Rovers starlet Mark Hughes, cousin of the Liverpool and Eng-land defender.

Mark was signed by Rovers dur-ing the summer as a central-

defender, but has played as a striker for the youth team, and manager Bobby Camp-bell with his goalkeeping talents during a training session.

PLAYING for his country is one of the major aims of every footballer, something that sets him apart from the mass of those lessfortunate.

I dreamed about it while stacking deckchairs on a Skegness beach in 1967, during the close-season before I was transferred from Third Division Scunthorpe United to glamorous Liverpool in the heady First Division.

Now I've graduated to becoming a regular member of manager Ron Greenwood's squad, although with Peter Shilton challenging me hard, I'm never certain of international selection.

For this week's column I thought you'd be interested in what happens when I'm called for England duty. So I'll recount step - by - step my experiences during the period in October when England played the Republic of Ireland in Dublin on Wednesday, October 25th, a qualifying tie for the European Championship.

On the Tuesday before the game I received the letter from the Football Association, with this wording: "We have pleasure in informing you you have been selected in a party of 21 players from which the England team will be selected for the game against the Republic of Ireland."

Then the next day came the itinerary in a mini-booklet form, the cover and one inside page. Among

other information were where and when I had to report, flight times and details of training and any functions we should attend.

A slight complication for me was an invitation from Norway to attend their F.A. Cup Final on the Sunday and to present an award to their Player of the Year. It meant I would be unable to report at England's North London headquarters on time. But when I rang manager Ron Greenwood he readily granted me a dispensation.

After Liverpool's home match against Chelsea at Anfield on the Saturday, I came down to London to stay in an hotel in order to catch an early flight to Oslo. Unfortunately I hadn't studied the weather conditions there, expecting them to be

the same as in England, and I was unprepared for a temperature only two degrees above freezing point.

However, my hospitable Norwegian hosts supplied me with a thick top coat, so I'd stopped shivering by the time I presented a silver, inscribed tankard to the player whom the readers of an evening newspaper entitled "VG" had voted their Player of the Year

I cannot recall his name unfortunately; all I know is he played for the Norwegian team against Scotland on the day we met the Republic.

I enjoyed the Final, which ended with Lillestrom beating Brann Bergen 2-1, and rushed off to board my flight back to London.

shaved, had breakfast, then boarded a coach which took us to a training ground. There, Peter, Joe Corrigan and I were given some specialised coaching by the trainers, Bill Taylor of Manchester City and Geoff Hurst of Telford United, which incorporated some of the things we'd asked for from own club routines.

The tactical talk was brief. Ron Greenwood believes in the flexible 4-2-4 system employed by Holland with considerable success over the years, and also in letting the opposition worry about us, and not vice versa.

Then it was back to the hotel for a shower, a buffet lunch and a coach to Luton airport for our flight to Dublin. In the past Heathrow was used, but has now become too busy to handle such charter flights.

Players and officials occupied the front of the plane, while the Press and TV reporters filled the rear section. We drank coke and similar non-alcoholic drinks, and they the

champagne, etc.

After a short flight of about 50 minutes' duration we landed at Dublin airport, where we were met by a handful of Irish F.A. officials before being driven in a police-escorted coach to Jury's hotel on the other side of the city. The police motorcycle outriders and following car had their sirens blaring as they guided us non-stop through red traffic lights. It was like something out of Kojak!

After unpacking, we had dinner. There were no restrictions on what we ate, and it was marvellous to order a - la - carte. The Dublin Bay prawns alone were worth the journey!

Another early night. In bed by ten, to watch a Robert Mitchum movie on TV.

The next day, Tuesday, began with a training session at a social club, which had an excellent pitch. The training is never rigorous, simply because at that stage of the season clubs have got players to their peak fitness, and over-exertion could pull muscles.

A large crowd of schoolchildren, with their parents, came to watch, and there was the customary autographing session before the team was announced.

"Shiltz" was naturally disappointed when I got the word, but wished me luck.

'England could have added to the goal scored by Bob Latchford (out of picture) against the Republic'

FON ENGLAND DUTY...



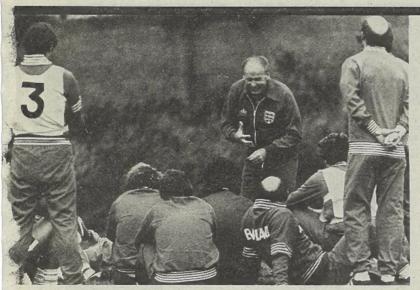
CLEMENCE talking soccer

A taxi took me to North London, where after a late dinner, I joined the rest of the England squad, which included my former Liverpool team-mate, Kevin Keegan, who had also had an eventful day, launching his range of sportswear to the sports trade and the Press.

Then off to the room I shared with. Peter Shilton, for an early night. Peter and I are great friends—and rivals—and we make a point of never discussing our situation. Both of us, of course, went to bed hoping we would be picked for the England team, but knowing whichever of us got the call, the other would accept it with no hard feelings.

Monday morning we were roused just before eight, washed and





'The team line-up was announced after training'

After the Irish officials had made presentations to the boss, it was back to the hotel for a fish lunch specially ordered by the team doctor. On my plate was the biggest Dover sole I've ever seen.

The reason "doc" had prescribed fish was because within a short while it is digested and beneficial.

From then on we were free to do as we liked. Most of us went shopping in Dublin in the afternoon and bought Waterford glassware, for which the country is renowned. After that, Peter, Tony Woodcock and I took in an early evening performance of a film starring Warren Beatty and Julie Christie before returning to the hotel for a light meal and another early turn-in.

By now I was beginning to prepare for the match, tensing-up and thinking about the players I would be facing. Assessing their technical strengths and weaknesses, and, possibly most important of all, their temperaments.

On Wednesday, match day, it was breakfast in bed, a read of the newspapers, and a leisurely shower before putting on the England "uniform" of light-blue suit, collar and tie and joining everyone for another light meal.

Just before two o'clock we set off in our coach, again with a police escort, for the five-minute drive to Lansdowne Road for the all-ticket

big event.
First thing we did was to walk out on to the pitch for an inspection. The grass wasn't as long as on my previous visit, with Liverpool for a pre-season friendly.

Although some players changed their studs, I stuck to my mediumsized ones. Only when the ground is very muddy do I make a switch.

The game was played in the way we expected — hard-fought, with the Irish players responding to their massive, highly-vocal support. It was strange not to see the usual knot of English supporters. The minority that had behaved disgracefully in Copenhagen for our previous match, against Denmark, had caused the authorities to place a ban on any travel.

In the first twenty minutes England were so dominant we could have had two more goals to add to the one from Bob Latchford. Kevin Keegan was robbed of a penalty, and Steve Coppell had hard luck with a shot that ricochetted off the crossbar.

The Irish equaliser was a bad goal to give away. Gerry Daly, unmarked, had time to pick his spot and drive home from Liam Brady's

For the remainder of the half the Irish pressed us hard.

In the interval Ron Greenwood gave us a choice: we could go on the defensive, pulling Kevin back into midfield; or we could become more offensive, pushing Mick Mills up on Gerry Daly.

It speaks well that, to a man, we plumped for the second course of

action.

Sure enough, in the second-half we had 80 per cent of the play, yet failed to put away our chances.

The Irish had the ball in our net once. A goal was rightly disallowed for a foul on me.

Although naturally we would have liked to come away winners, we were happy to settle for a point. Three points from two games — both away — had given us a great start in the European Championship.

Now I'm looking forward to receiving a parcel from the F.A. containing my cap with the match embroidered on it — followed by a summons to report for the European Championship against North-ern Ireland at Wembley on February 7th.

Of those two things I'm certain. But will I keep the number one jersey — or will it again be handed to Peter Shilton? Only Ron Greenwood can answer that question!

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Elton John is a genuine, life-long sup-porter of Watford — as a kid, he used to stand behind the goal — and his taking over as chairman is certainly no publicity gimmick In fact, his own drive — allied to that

of a superb young manager in Graham Taylor — looks set to see ambitious Watford really "going places" over the coming years.

United in Europe

I know Manchester United won the European Cup in 1968, but how many other times have they played in it?

PAUL CASSERLEY. LONDON, S.W.17

Four more, as well as their winning season, Paul — and with the remarkable record of reaching the Semi-Finals each

The seasons were 1956-57, 1957-58, 1965-66, and 1968-69.

<u>Saints</u>′ F.A. Cup records

As a keen Southampton supporter, I'd like to know the furthest they ever got in the F.A. Cup before winning it in 1976?

JOHN QUIGLEY, SALISBURY

• Saints were twice beaten Finalists — in 1900 and 1902 — long before they became members of the Football League in 1920.

Then, still in the Southern League, Southampton were beaten 4-0 by Bury in 1900; and then 2-1 in a replay (after a 1-1 draw) by Sheffield United two years later.

Since the Football League was founded in 1888, only two other "outsiders" — Spurs (winners in 1901), and Sheffield Wednesday (losers in 1890) — have succeeded in reaching an F.A. Cup

Can you tell me anything about Q.P.R.'s League Cup Final win in 1967?

HELEN FAIRHALL, WORCETER PARK

● This was quite an historic Final, Helen, because it was the first to be played "sudden-death" at Wembley. All the earlier Finals had been played on a two-leg, home-and-away aggregate basis. It also had the "giantkiller" element in that a then Third Division team were taking on First Divisioners — and holders of the Cup, at that.

But there didn't look like being any "giantkilling" when Clive Clark — himself a former Ω.P.R. player — put Albion into a 2-0 half-time lead.

However — with less than half an hour to go — Roger Morgan, Rodney Marsh, and Mark Lazarus made sure of a shock 3-2 Rangers' victory. This was quite an historic Final, Helen,

Watford

I've suddenly been reading a lot about Watford and their famous pop-star chairman, Elton John Can you tell me when they were founded, their League and Cup record, and how long Elton John has supported them?

ANTHONY MANTEIRO. SINGAPORE

 Watford were founded as long ago as 1891, Anthony, turning professional six years later.

But they didn't become a Football League club until 1920 — since which time, with the exception of three seasons in the Second Division, have so far always played in the Third or Fourth. Watford have been Third Division Champions in 1968-69, and Fourth Division Champions (18t season In the FA)

sion Champions last season. In the F.A. Cup, they reached the Semi-Finals in 1969-70 before falling to Chelsea.

 Arsenal's Eire International
 O'Leary was born in London. Arsenal's Eire international David

(YVONNE TEH HUANG-LYNN, West Malaysia)

Jack Charlton played a club-record 629 League games for Leeds, and played in 35 full internationals.

(MARTIN DOVEY, Malvern)

 Both AC Milan and Inter-Milan play at the San Siro Stadium. (MARK BARRETT, Angus) ● The record aggregate scorer in Football League games is Arthur Rowley, who, between 1946 and 1965, scored 434 goals for West Bromwich, Fulham, Leicester, and Shrewsbury.

(TUOMO ILTANEN, Finland)

Leeds' average home League gate last season was 29,186; their highest was 45,560 v Everton (27th

(MARK ROPER, Whitchurch)

Derby's record victory is 12-0 v.
 Eire's Finn Harps in the U.E.F.A. Cup on 15th September, 1976, with goals from Hector (five), James (three), George (three), and Rioch.

(DAVID MEPPERN, Hexham)

Arsenal's record League win is 12-0 v. Loughborough Town in 1900; their record defeat is by 0-8, also v. Loughborough, in 1896.

(MARK ARMSTRONG, Boreham Wood)

Real Madrid have won the European Cup six times (1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, and 1966); and were beaten Finalists in 1962 and 1964.

(ALASTAIR CURRIE, Stirling)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time

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EFORE 1969 Republic of Ireland
teams were selected by a five man
committee. Managers were of course
named, but they had no real authority.
Offen the boss was one of the senior
players and Johnny Carey, Noel Cantwell
and Charlie Hurley were some who
served in this capacity.
As a result of player-power Mick
Meagan was appointed team-manager
for a friendly with Scotland in 1969. The
former Everton and Huddersfield player
was then player-manager of League of
Ireland side Drogheda.
Eire were going through a bad speli





Sean Thomas (above) was in charge of the Eire side for just one game. In Liam Tuohy's first match, Paddy Mulligan (left) was the only Football League player in the side.

and they didn't win a game under Mick.
Record: P12; W0; D3; L9; F6; A26.
Liam Tucky took over in October, 1971,
and in his first game in charge Eire lost
6-0 to Austria in Linz. Paddy Mulligan
then with Chelsea, was the only Football
League player in the Eire team.
Tucky took his country on a successful
tour of South America and got Eire their
first home win in six years by beating
France 2-1 in Dublin in November, 1972.
The post was and still is part-time and
Tucky had to resign in 1973 due to

Sean Thomas was in charge for one game — a 1-1 draw with Norway in June, 1973. Record: P10; W3; D1; L6; F11; A20. business pressure.

In October, 1973, Johnny Giles was appointed manager.

performance. Jimmy has been playing sweeper for his club, but left-back for Eire and his defensive qualities have helped to make both defences tighter. Reads the game well and is the instigator of many attacks. SWEEPER or full-back who can always be relied upon for a steady be relied upon for a steady Club: Tottenham
Hotspur
Age: 25
Height: 5ft 9ins
Height: 11st 7lb
Previous club: Coventry
City
Club Honours: None
International debut:
May, 1971 v Austria
Birthplace: Dublin
Highlight: Winning
promotion with
Tottenham
Position: Defender
Last Transfer Fee:
£120,000 from Coventry
City



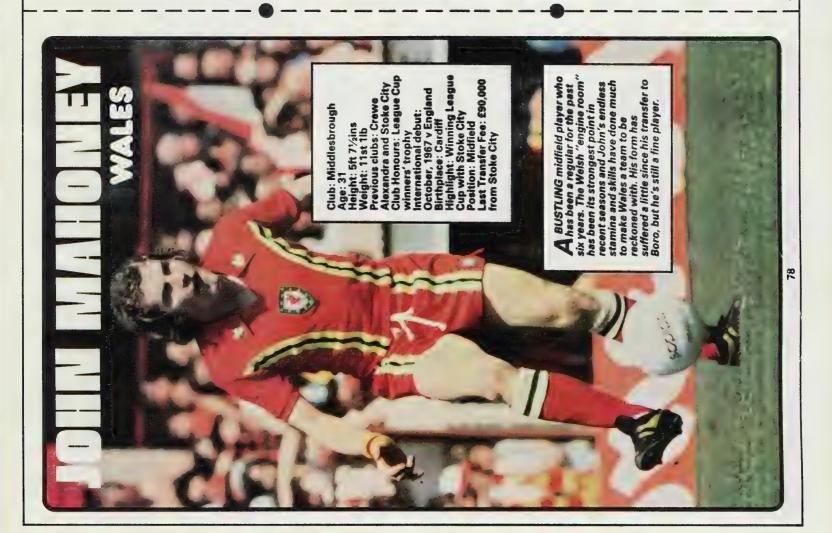
PAUL MARINER ENGLAND

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Club: pswich Town
Age: 25
Height: 6ft
Weight: 11st 12lbs
Previous club: Plymouth
Argyle
Club Honours: F.A. Cup
winners' medal
International debut: March,
1977 v Luxembourg
Birthplace: Bolton
Highlight: Winning F.A. Cup
winners' medal
Position: Striker
Last Transfer Fee: £240,000
from Plymouth Argyle

ON his day, Paul is arguably the most complete centre-forward in Britain and his performance in the 1978 F.A. Cup Final was superb. Yet Paul has not yet gained the necessary consistency to go with his technique, although Ron Greenwood is still searching for a central striker to suit his system . . . Paul could, eventually, be the man.





NILAN HUNTER

Club: Ipswich Town
Age: 32
Height: 5ft 11ins
Weight: 12st 7lbs
Previous clubs: Oldham and
Blackburn Rovers
Club Honours: F.A. Cup
winners' medal
International debut:
October, 1969 v U.S.S.R.
Birthplace: Sion Mills
Highlight: Winning F.A. Cup

Position: Defender Last Transfer Fee: £65,000 from Blackburn Rovers

A LLAN has been troubled by a knee injury this power and he has been sorely missed by loswich. With around 50 caps, Allan is one of Northern Ireland's most-capped players and Danny Blanchflower is hoping he will be 100 per cent by the time his country's European Championship campaign starts again in February.

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AT-A-GLANCE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP DATES THIS SEASON

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AND ENSO!

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AND ENSO!

Club: Brighton and Hove Albion Age: 21 ft 10in Weight: 10st 10b Freeton North End Club Honous: None private in the Marine: None private i

MARK is set for a long and Mark is set for a long and distinguished career in the Republic team and his performance against England in Dublin earlier this season underlined the fact he has undoubtedly

reached international class. When Alan Mullery bought him from Preston, Mark was the player the Brighton stars voted for as he'd impressed so much as an opponent!



ANSWERS

I No. A player ordered from the field for misconduct cannot return.

2 No. The ball must go cutside the genalty-stee. This actually happened in a secent European match I refereed, between Borussia and Benfice, and most of the 40,000 speciators thought I should have given a corner for the home side. Fortunately my Welsh colleague. Williams was also quick on the line to see it, and the kick was retaken 3 Stop play and warn the line to see it, and the kick was retaken 3 Stop play and warn the line to see it, and the kick was retaken 3 Stop play and warn the line to see it, and the kick was retaken 3 Stop play and warn the line to see it, and the kick was retaken 3 Stop play and warn the line to see it, and the kick was retaken 3 Stop play and warn the line to see it.

POOTBALL FUNNIES

"What a bit of bad luck, young man — the final whistle's just being blown"





This week Coventry City's IAN WALLACE selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



"The new signing doesn't seem to fit in with our team work, boss"



"Rather apt — using a broom as a temporary splint for a sweeper"



"Don't be silly — you haven't scored a goal!"

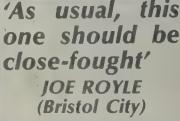


"I think the old man is putting a little too much emphasis on attack"

CROSSTALKS BETWEEN PLAYERS INVOLVED IN TWO

FIRST DIVISION: BRISTOL CITY V LIVERPOOL





ROYLE: Hello, Jimmyl This game is a sell-out already. There has been a big demand for tickets, and a capacity crowd is certain — all we need is a match to live up to the advance bookings.

CASE: I'm sure we'll get this, Joe. We usually seem to have a good, open game against Bristol City, in contrast to teams who play defensively against us.

ROYLE: The last two meetings bet-HUYLE: The last two meetings between us have resulted in 1-1 draws, and this one should be close. At Ashton Gate last season, Steve Heighway got a fine goal for Liverpool, which confirmed what I've always thought about Steve—there isn't a more dangerous winger in England.

CASE: Yes, Steve beat four men in a solo dash from the halfway line to score, if memory serves me right. And this time, I would like to help myself to a goal — in fact, I feel I'm overdue for two or three.

ROYLE: I've had a lean spell myself, so I hope I have been saving some goals for this match. And in the past, I've done fairly well in scoring against Liverpool.

CASE: Well, I know you are an awkward man to stop, Joe, and



usual, this 'Our good away one should be record gives us confidence' JIMMY CASE (Liverpool)

the onus will be on Bristol to attack on their own ground. But this will give us an opportunity to mount our own attacks, and I think there could be a few goals, with both teams pushing forward and looking for them.

ROYLE: Norman Hunter and Co. at the back will have their own ideas on keeping the score down, though we are aware Liverpool have goalscorers up-front and also behind, including yourself, Jimmy. In some games this season, City have been caught on the break, and we've been working at eliminating this fault.

CASE: I enjoy playing against Norman Hunter. Occasionally we give each other the odd knock, but we can joke about it and there is no ill-feeling. We certainly don't expect an easy time against your defence, but our good away record gives us confidence. About your pitch—am I right in thinking the spectators are much closer to the pitch than at Anfield?

ROYLE: I'm not aware of it, and the playing surface itself is in fine shape. However, I like to think Bristol City have players who can adapt to any surface, as professionals should.

CASE: Agreed. Muddy, wet or dry grounds are taken as they come by Liverpool. Whatever the condi-tions, I'm sure it will be an attractive game to watch, as City impress me as a side who can play good football.

ROYLE: I'm pleased you said that, because up to this stage of the season, Arsenal are the only team we've met who convinced me they were better than City. They deserved to beat us, whereas on other occasions we've been extremely unlucky to concede the

CASE: Obviously, your supporters are going to do their best to encourage you to get those points. At the same time, my experience of Bristol City fans is they are sporting, and have given us a good reception in the past.

ROYLE: There will be 32,000 of them, a full house, to cheer us on. And the result is very important to us — a win for City will boost our morale for the rest of the season, which is not surprising. After all, Liverpool's record and their position at the top gives some lustre to the side that can beat them.

CASE: I realise teams have an extra incentive to beat us, Joe, and we take it as a compliment people turn up in good numbers to see us. But I have to say we will be making a big effort to disappoint your fans with the result.

ROYLE: Fair enough, Jimmy. Incidentally, I've an extra incentive in looking for a win for City. As an ex-Everton player and a Goodison fan, two points to us will help us in the League table and also assist Everton in their title bid.



OF THIS SATURDAY'S MOST FASCINATING MATCHES



KEMBER: Naturally, I'm looking forward to the game tremendously. Things have gone well for

me since I returned to Selhurst Park. The club are successful and as a result there's a great atmos-

SECOND DIVISION CRYSTAL PALACE V. LEICESTER CITY



cracker of game'

STEVE KEMBER (Crystal Palace)



pre-Xmas 'We will hard to break down'

DENNIS ROFE (Leicester)

phere. I've taken time to find my feet and settle down, but it's coming along nicely and I should be in top form by the time you and the rest of my old mates from Leicester pay us a visit.

ROFE: Nice to know things are going so well for you, Steve. Palace have a wonderful set-up and it was obviously a good move for you. I'm pleased you are settling down — but we will be doing all we can to unsettle you this

KEMBER: You had better prepare KEMBER: You had better prepare yourself for a really tough afternoon, Dennis. We are playing so well the whole place is bubbling and if you get anything from us you are really going to have to work for it. We have some outstanding players — both young and experienced and after the marvellous first half of the season we vellous first half of the season we have enjoyed we will want our backsides kicked if we don't clinch promotion to the First Division.

ROFE: I find it difficult to argue with that, mate. But the Second Division is much more open this year and no one can afford to get complacent — not that I'm suggesting you will. Any one of a dozen teams could have a say in the promotion issue, if they string a few results together. And I don't count Leicester out of those, even if we are in the bottom half at the

KEMBER: I'd like to see things improve for Leicester — but not at our expense! I wanted to leave Filbert Street because I was not happy there any longer, but there was no bad feeling when I did go. Things had been going wrong there for some time. There was an undercurrent of unrest and when they started to slip down the First Division table there was no real

basis to fight against the problem. But new manager Jock Wallace is a very straight, honest guy and I'm sure he'll get it sorted out. He'll surround himself with people who do things his way.

ROFE: You are absolutely right there. I'm also convinced Jock will get things moving in the right direction again — in time. This club has gone through a tremendous upheaval in the past 18 months and it will not all come right overnight. People must not expect miracles. But if our fans are patient a little longer they will see things improving.

KEMBER: If both sides play to the top of their form it should provide top of their form it should provide the fans with a pre-Christmas cracker of a game. The highlight for me promises to be the duel between Keith Weller and our bril-liant young left-back Kenny San-som. What a battle that should be.

ROFE: It should, indeed, Steve. Keith is in great form at the moment and will present Sansom with one of his biggest tests of the season. I have not seen Sansom play in the flesh — if you'll pardon the expression. My looks at him have been confined to the televilor. But even from that it's easy. sion. But even from that it's easy to see why he is so highly rated. He looks a great player.

KEMBER: We've got a few more like him, too. Vince Hilaire is one — and he might give you a spot of trouble when he comes over to your side of the field.

ROFE: Yes, Vince looks quick and lively and I'm looking forward to coming up against him. It should be quite interesting. We respect all your players — but we are not trightened of them. And if you look at our defensive record, especially away from home, you will realise you will have to work hard to break us down.

KEMBER: Fair comment, that. As you conceded only six goals in your first eight away matches we know it will be tough to find a way through. The back-four is obviously the strong point of your team. But we have also noticed you don't score too many, either.

ROFE: Yes, we are having a prob-lem putting the ball into the oppo-nent's net. But I fancy us to get one at your place — and I think it will be enough to give us a draw!

KEMBER: We'll see about that. But whatever the result, Dennis. I'm looking forward to seeing you all again and to showing you I can still play a bit.

ROFE: We already know that, Steve -- you don't have to prove it Steve — you don't have to prove it to anyone at Leicester. But you should know one place where you are not really missed is in the card school. John Ridley — our new signing from Port Vale — has taken your place in that. And as he's got a university degree in mathematics he keeps score slightly better than you!

KEMBER: Cheers. I just hope you need him on Saturday to keep count of the goals we stick in your



The football philosopher who has given England self-respect made it right for him to assume control of an international side at

AT the age of 56 (he celebrated his last birthday on November 11th) Ron Greenwood is now enjoying the peak of his career.

When he addressed a large

gathering of top British journalists, having been confirmed as England's national team manager in succession to Don Revie, the studious Greenwood asserted the job couldn't have come at a better

He was clearly referring to the fact he had in some ways lost touch with the game at West Ham, but also he had reached an age of football thinking and maturity that

that time.

Greenwood has always been regarded as a leading philosopher of football, a man whose opinions were held in high esteem, and whose knowledge of football world wide was probably second-to - none in England.

Everything has happened since that appointment at Lancaster Gate has underlined what we already knew about Greenwood, his ideals and his ambitions.

The England team, without yet tearing up any trees, has regained

its self respect, has proved it can again compete with the best, and perhaps most important has shown the quality of English football has not declined as much as many folk would have us believe.

Keegan and Brooking have become world class and the team's spirit is unquestionably

After all those years at West Ham where his team won the

reputation of being brilliant but brittle, Greenwood needed a new challenge — and the England job has proved his salvation as much as his appointment could prove England's salvation.

The phrase 'total football' became associated with the Dutch, yet it could also apply to Greenwood's teams.

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of the players at his disposal it is his intention to give teams freedom of expression. This can lead to the sort of results experienced in Copenhagen recently when England scored four goals, yet let in three.

it was breathtaking stuff, yet even Greenwood, a devoted disciple of attacking football, had to admit it was like walking the tight-

Some of the adventurous spirit was overdone, some of the football out of defence could have been suicidal, but the result was enough to encourage Greenwood not to abandon his beliefs.

Those beliefs were forged at a very early age. Ron Greenwood was born in the Lancashire mill town of Burnley, and although his first pair of boots were the statutory clogs, he was far from a hard man in the game.

Having moved to the South at the age of ten, Ron quickly earned selection for Middlesex Boys, though he never played because of a broken arm.

He left school at 14 to become a signwriter and ironically one of his first jobs was at Wembley Stadium.

It was in 1940 Ron broke into professional football with Chelsea, and during the War he made guest appearances for Belfast Celtic, Bradford (Park Avenue) and Hull City.

Sadly Hull are the only one of those three clubs still in existence, yet in 1945 Bradford were able to buy Greenwood from Chelsea for a fee of £3,000.

He was an immensely popular player with the Yorkshire club, captaining them from wing-half and enjoying a significant chapter of his career there.

All the time Greenwood was stamping his mark on the game, he was also learning from the men around him, and forming his own ideas of the way the game should be played.

In 1949 he moved south again to



Brentford, and three years later was back at Stamford Bridge, in time to play no small part in ridding Chelsea of their Music Hall image of the time, by winning the Football League Championship.

Football League Championship.
That was in 1955 when Ted
Drake was Chelsea's manager, and
Ron made 21 first team appearances alongside players like Roy
Bentley, Frank Blunstone, John
Harris, Ken Armstrong and Leslie
Stubbs.

He was one of hundreds of players not considered good enough to play for England, who went on to prove a considerable knowledge and influence in the game.

In February, 1955 it was over the road to Fulham, and Ron proved

his worth yet again before retire-

After coaching Oxford University and Walthamstow Avenue, he accepted his first managerial appointment with Eastbourne United, and then after being given charge of the England Youth team he joined forces with George Swindin at Arsenal.

Next on the honours list was the England Under-23 manager's job, and finally in 1961 Ron arrived at West Ham as manager coach.

That, of course, was the largest milestone in his career.

By now Ron Greenwood had

By now Ron Greenwood had ery definite ideas on the way he ranted his teams to play — with style and panache. The greatest influence on his thinking had been that incredible team of Hungarians who demolished England at Wembley.

Greenwood well remembers

Greenwood well remembers watching Puskas, Hidegkuti, Kocsis and the rest running rings round a bewildered England defence including stars of the day like Billy Wright, Alf Ramsey and Jimmy Dickinson, and thinking he was witnessing a bit of football evolution.

Since then he has always encouraged players to use their skills to the utmost, to concentrate on the top qualities in their play.

on the top qualities in their play.
That's why West Ham have always managed to produce such highly-talented performers as Bobby Moore, Martin Peters, Geoff Hurst, John Sissons, John Bond, Noel Cantwell and Trevor Brooking while perhaps not having the muscle to make a concerted bid to win the League Championship.

Even now Greenwood travels the length and breadth of the country watching as much football as he possibly can. He believes he can learn something from every game he goes to — and it is this willingness to learn, to improvise and to experiment, that is leading England into a new era.

Greenwood has always insisted England has the players to match any in the world. He believes they have to work harder at their game than some of the more naturally talented South Americans, but the English have power of determination to offset that.

"It is a universal game and each country can educate another. We are still in the process of growing up as a side, but I have been encouraged by the way things have gone, and I'm sure the players are enjoying playing for England again, and that is a start. They now all feel part of something that it on the move, and everybody wants to do well for himself and for England. That can only be





ENGLAND were beaten by the better side at Wembley last month when Czechoslovakia were decidedly unfortunate to lose 1-0. from our point of view, it was satis-fying to keep up our impressive record under Ron Greenwood one deleat in 12 matches... but no one in the squad is kidding himself we are yet ready to stand alongside the hest. the best.

The conditions didn't help and on a better surface I'm sure we'd have looked more impressive. The Czechs kept their feel better on the slippery Wembley turf; a lot was said about their studs after the game, but the fact is England weren't able to play their natural

For instance, Kevin Keegan's style is all about turning quickly, but he simply couldn't do this against the

Czechs.

I particularly liked the one-two's Czechoslovakia played, making neat patterns in "succer triangles". This is a feature of Continentals in

This is a feature of Continentals in general and people wonder why we can't display such skills.

The answer is because very few of our League clubs use such tactics. Perhaps they aren't suited to the 42-game slog in the First Division, but it's unreasonable to expect players to do things for England they don't do for their clubs. All our 22 Division One sides have different systems and different ideas, so it isn't easy for the international stars to easy for the international stars to

suddenly change habits. Man for man, I believe English players can stand alongside foreigners. It's also food for thought that as well as Czechos-

lovakia played, they still lost. I wouldn't have been too pleased to have gone to Prague or Bratislava

to have gone to Prague or Bratislava — played brilliantly . . . and lost 1-0. Why did the Czechs lose? Because their goalkeeper made a vital error, allowing Tony Currie's shot — well-hit as it was — to slip from his grasp. He should have held it, I think. At the other end, Peter Shilton saved us on three or four occasions, thus underlining the value of a top-class goalie.

Ron Greenwood has a "problem" with Peter and Ray Clemence; Peter has been in superb form for Forest over the past year, yet Ray has not

over the past year, yet Ray has not let England down. It's almost a pity

for the players they're both English! The Czechs used the ball better than we did, finding their men quickly, although I must emphasise the greasy surface made it harder for us to operate as effectively as usual. Whatever our shortcomings, we DID beat a side who, just a few wecks previously had defeated Italy 3-0. And Czechoslovakia ARE Euro-pean Champions. Surely some acknowledgement must be given?

On the credit side, Peter Shilton did what everybody expected: stopped everything the Czechs threw at him! His Forest team-mate Viv Anderson made a happy debut, showing no signs of nerves for what must have been a big ordeal for the young defender.

young defender.

Viv is very fit, fast and attacks opponents as often as he can down the right flank. It was one of his runs that made our goal. They call him "the extension" because of his long legs that seem to go on forever when he lurches into a tackle.



Writes for you





Phil Thompson made a happy return to the England side. The Liverpool stopper isn't the biggest of players, but his frail frame is no disadvantage as he reads the game so well, he sees situations before they happen and doesn't have to go

charging about.

Had Trevor Brooking been fit, I doubt if I'd have played. Tony Currie fully deserved his place in the team and although we're midfield rivals, I'm a big admirer of the Leeds

United captain.

Tony is so hard to dispossess and in the second-half, particularly, played exceptionally well. And what about that "bender" goal he curled in against Southampton? A candidate for I.T.V.'s Goal of the Season, for certain.

I know I haven't been producing the sort of form people expect of me. It hasn't been easy in a Chelsea side that has been so disappointing this season, although, of course, I must take my share of the blame. I find it more relaxing to play for England, away from the pressures of

Overall, I don't think I've done a bad job for England and I hope I can find my top form and keep my place for the Northern Ireland game in

February.

I was surprised to see Ireland had won 2-0 in Bulgaria . . . how often do Bulgaria lose at home? Hardly

ever. I believe it's true to say Ron Greenwood prefers playing against

Continental sides. The make-up of our European Championship group is such with the two Irelands, plus Denmark and Bulgaria, we have to face two different types of opposi-

tion.

We know the Irish will hustle us at Wembley and it will be far from easy. They played well at Wembley in the British Championship last May when we won 1-0.

Continental teams allow you more time, but Eire and Northern Ireland, who draw their players from the Football League, are a different proposition. Whichever way you look at it, it's an interesting group.

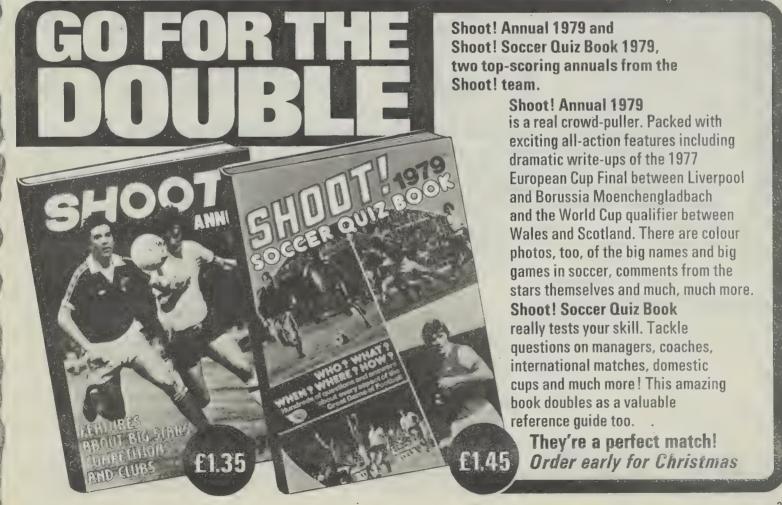
I think Ron Greenwood is pretty near to the sort of side he is looking for. He's given players an extended run, and one or two new faces will

run, and one or two new faces will probably come in very soon.

It's up to me whether I stay in the side and I'll be doing all I can to keep in the international reckoning.

This Saturday (December 16th) Chelsea are away to Middlesbrough, never an easy trip.

As I shan't be writing next week, may I wish all SHOOT readers a Merry Christmas . . . and I'll see you again in a fortnight.



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Why Viv Anderson's mum sometimes denies she knows him

VIV Anderson wears the mantle of England's first black footballer with pride, dignity — and total modesty. And considering the fuss which has surrounded Nottingham Forest's brilliant young defender in recent weeks, that is to Anderson's great gradit to Anderson's great credit.

to Anderson's great credit.

But then Viv Anderson never saw anything that special in the award in the first place.

The pleasant 22-year-old defender sat in his parents' sitting-room on a Nottingham housing estate and admitted: "I'm just an ordinary fellow doing an ordinary job—nothing special. I admit it was an honour to become the first coloured player to make the England side. I was thrilled when I walked out at Wembley. I felt the pressure out at Wembley. I felt the pressure because I was very aware that I carried the hopes and ambitions of black kids throughout the country."

Anderson was born and grew up in the same home in Nottingham. It's a small, un-pretentious semidetached house with a sitting-room which is now struggling to accommodate all Viv's trophies, Cups and souvenirs. But Viv has no intention of changing his life-style just because of football

success.
"I'm happy here and this is where I'll stay — I don't want to go off and buy a big home at the moment," he says. "My parents have guided my career and I am grateful to them for all they have done. They still help me a great deal, too."

Dave MacKay was the man who signed up Anderson for Nottingsigned up Anderson for Notting-ham Forest. Anderson remembers the tough Scot as a good influence but admits "Brian Clough and Peter Taylor really brought me on as a footballer. Clough helped me develop on and off the field — he

Peter Bills tells the story of England's first black full international

has been the real one responsible

for my progress.

"A lot has happened in recent years. Yet I like to think I haven't changed as a person. I enjoy doing the same things with the same friends and I don't see why that should change."

should change."
Ironically, Nottingham Forest would have missed a highly talented lad on their own doorstep — if Manchester United had been awake to Anderson's potential.
Viv supported Manchester United as a kid and dreamed of one day playing for them. He was asked to Old Trafford for trials and dreamed of one day playing for

dreamed of one day playing for them. He went there, on and off, for almost a year.

Then United told a scout Anderson wasn't wanted — he wasn't good enough. And the scout had to relate the sad news to the youngster.

recalls: "Sheffield Anderson United also turned me down soon after that and I wondered whether I would ever make a League club. I thought my football hopes had come to nothing."

Since then, the footballing world has opened up for Viv Anderson.
And at the age of 22, he can contemplate almost a decade of success at the top — for Forest and England, it seems.
But Viv deserves it. Who says



so? His mother, who has seen how hard the young man has worked to climb up the football ladder. "Viv has done a lot of hard work

for several years to get this far," she says. "It hasn't happened to him overnight and he deserves it. He hasn't changed at all as a per-

He nasn't changed at all as a person and I don't see why he should.

"All the fuss hasn't affected our life-style, either. We made sure it didn't because we will stay here. We have all our friends around. They, like us, are very proud of him. But he's the same as he all ways and that makes he

nim. But he's the same as he always was and that makes us both happy."

The fame of being Mum to one of England's most promising young footballers, means Mrs Anderson has to be a bit crafty these days. these days.

She grins: "I sometimes have to deny I even know Viv. I'm a nurse at a big hospital in Nottingham — my husband works there as a security guard — and the patients often say among themselves, she's Viv's mum'. I say 'no, I'm not Viv's Mum'. But they persist and say 'you are'. I have to say 'Am I? Well, you must draw your own conclusions.' I can't admit it — I would be standing there talking all day long!"

A week before he walked out at Wembley in a full England shirt, I stood on a windswept touchline at a Nottingham school and talked of the past with Anderson. We

the past with Anderson. We walked out to the field where he learned his football.

learned his football.

"A long way from here to Wembley Stadium," I suggested. Anderson blew air from his cheeks. "Yes, a long wayall right," he said, slowly. "We used to have a lot of good matches on here. I scored quite a few into that far goal. Nowadays, it all seems like a long long time ago."

Anderson, however, wasa's the

long time ago."
Anderson, however, wasn't the only one to take it all pretty calmly. As you might have guessed, Brian Clough was keeping his feet on the ground, too.
"He's told me I have only one day for interviews," grinned Anderson. "Anymore after this and I'll be fined a week's wages. So I daren't do any more talking!"

daren't do any more talking!" Anderson has done all his talk-ing with his football. He is one of the best young prospects in English football and should now go on to make the England right back berth his own for some years

Disappointments along the road to the top? There have been some. He says: "Yes, I've been insulted about my colour. But I've got used to it — I just learned to ignore it. It used to upset me at first but it

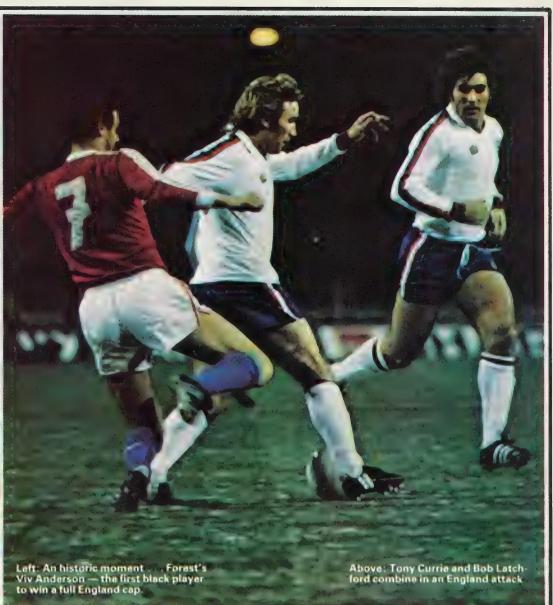






ERHAPS the result was better than the performance, but at least England go into the vital European Championship tie against Northern Ireland in a confident mood. It was Czechoslovakia who caught our eye at Wembley, even though they lost 1-0. However, Ron Greenwood will be pleased with the form of Peter Shilton, Viv **Anderson and Tony** Currie in particular. The SHOOT photographer was at Wembley for the match.







BIG ROLF RÜSSMANN, stopper of Schalke 04 and West Germany, said his ambition is to stay in the national team until the next World Cup. He added in order to maintain his form, he's always in bed by 9.30! Mind you, if this tackle by Bayern Munich's Georg Schwarzenbeck had

connected, Rüssmann would probably

have had problems . .

GEELS' goals

ANDERLECHT'S Dutch international striker Ruud Geels is the mid-season favourite to win the Adidas Golden Shoe award for being Europe's top scorer. After 14 games, he had scored 19 goals. Kist of AZ '67 had 19 goals from 15 games while the overall leader was Ber-

green of Djurgarden with 19 goals from 26 matches, but the Swedish League has finished and that total will soon be over-



WHERE IS RIVELINO'S TRANSFER FEE?

FLUMINENSE still haven't received the payment for Rivelino from the Arabs. In fact, the whole transfer is clouded with intrigue.

Prince khaled, head of the El Helal club, sent fluminense a cheque for U.S. 200,000\$, but the cheque needs TWO signatures and no bank will honour it with just one.

The Copacabana Hotel in Rio de Janeiro is having the same problem; the Prince wrote them a cheque for U.S. 3,000\$ and THEY can't cash it, either.

Fluminense haven't received a penny for Rivelino yet and they fear they may not as all the player's documents have

already been transferred to El Helal.

In fact, Fluminense are in trouble both ways. With the money they got (!) for Rivelino, they "bought" two players from Santa Cruz, Nunes and Fumanchu. They owe Santa Cruz U.S. 100,000\$ and haven't been able to pay their own players' wages for two months!

months:
Meanwhile, Botafogo, who released
manager Mario Zagalo to El Helal, have
received all their money without any
trouble — the deal was set up through

trouble — the deal was set up through an agent! My guess is F.I.F.A. will step in, but it's ironic the oil-rich Arabs should be withholding money from other clubs.



 With only six games to play in the Chilean League, Palestino have once again opened up a three-point lead at the top of the table despite dropping a point in a 1-1 draw with Audax Italiano. Their chief rivals, Cobreloa, slumped to a 5-2 defeat in a controversial match

a 5-2 defeat in a controversial match against Concepción.
Cobreloa were drawing 2-2 when referee Nestor Mondria sent-off three of their players, and the eight survivors conceded three goals in the last 13 minutes.

minutes.

Incidentally, Chile's top scorer is once again Oscar Fabbiani (seen here scoring against Colocolo), who's hit 31 goals in 28 matches. The Palestino striker has now notched up 88 League goals in the last three seasons.

SECOND CHANCE FOR KEMPES

• There's been crowd trouble in Spain. Second Division Real Jaen have had their ground closed after rioting at the end of their 2-2 home draw with Betis, during which the referee and linesmen were

And play also had to be halted at Valencia's Luis Casanova stadium when referee Pes Perez gave local midfielder Cabral marching orders on instructions from a linesman

But in the end Valencia profited from the sending-off. Mario Kempes re-started play by shooting a free-kick over the bar, but the shower of bottles obliged the referee to

hold up play for ten minutes.

He told Kempes to re-take the free-kick, and this time he put a cross on to the head of fellow Argentinian Felman, who nodded home the winner!

ALMOST 200,000 fans saw three big matches in Italy recently: AC Milan/Inter, Napoli/Juventus and Lazio/Roma.

A total of 65,000 supporters who paid a record £250,000 saw AC win 1-0. Seats that

cost £14 normally were selling for £100!
The other two games ended 0-0, but the total receipts for all three matches were £600,000. Goals are expensive in Italy...

PART-TIMERS SHINE

BELGIAN clubs have done very badly and only SK Beveren, in the Cup-Winners' Cup, reached the Third Round in Europe this season. They're not all full-time professionals and even their manager, Mr. Goethals (not the former Anderlecht boss), is a

When Beveren played in Rijeka, Goethals arrived in Yugoslavia just 2½

hours before the tie --- he couldn't get any

hours before the tie — ne contain grand, more time off!

For the return leg, Paul van Genechten (who works for the fire brigade) was at work during the afternoon, while captain Jean Janssens was still at Antwerp harbour a few hours before the game.

All credit, then, to Beveren, for getting



New Swedish Champions IFK Öster (Växjö) beat 1977 Champions Malmö FF by a clear six points, while Malmö FF won the Cup, beating Kalmar 2-0 in the Final after extra-time.

Oster were so impressive they are expected to provide the backbone of Sweden's national team in 1979, while their manager Lars Arnesson, assistant to Georg Ericson in 1976, is being widely tipped to replace Ericson whose contract expires on December 31st.

Fulham's Brazilian **NUT CASE!**

ULHAM almost bought themselves "a load of trouble" in Paulo César (below with Fulham boss Bobby Campbell) — a "mental case". This description comes from no less than senhor Rogério Correia, vice president of Botafogo, the Brazilian club César is leaving.

A few weeks ago, when Paulo César demanded a move, Correia said at a Press conference: "The player is a mental case. He strongly reminds me of a famous Brazilian footballer of the Forties, Heleno de Freitas, who finished up in a psychiatric ward. The time has come not for Paulo César to drive other people crazy, but to be considered mad him-self."

Paulo César was fed up with what he called "slander and sabotage from the Press" and, indeed, from Botafogo, and asked to be released from his contract. A flash character, he likes to speak French and has a failed marriage to a girl, who accused him in court of not trying to make love to her.

He has been a frequent visitor night-clubs, although he neither drinks nor smokes. Every morning, he went to Ipanema Beach at its most fashionable point and while he was with Olympique Marseille, he drove the directors mad with constant demands for leave so he could fly home to Rio, to the extent cartoonists began to give him the nose and general features of Concorde!

Paulo César, who once dyed his hair ginger, was first noticed in the 1970 World Cup-tie against England. He says: "It was all a bit overwhelming for me, the World Cup and a big star with a rich club. But I liked the treatment. The Botafogo directors gave me a flat and a car after 1970. What I hadn't realised was that I still had to prove myself. That game against England meant very little."

Flamengo paid a large sum for César and he was soon in trouble, missing training to fly to Europe for an advertising contract. He says now: "I don't regard as friends any of the people who knew me at that time.

Olympique Marseille £250,000 for him, but he never settled down, missing the bright lights of Rio. The club also signed World Cup hero Jairzinho, but the two players were never friends. Jairzinho hit a linesman and was suspended for a year. Paulo César was suspended, too, for having an extra-long Christ-mas in Rio. "I was desperate. Marseille didn't help me, there was no one I could turn to.

In 1975, Paulo César said in SHOOT: "Nothing could tempt me back to European football. Nothing. During my spell in France I saw enough tackles from behind, enough raised studs to last me a lifetime. I'm not saying every Brazilian footballer is soft, but we don't deliberately jeopardise one another's careers. I was told the average career in Europe lasts 15 years; I wouldn't last five" five.

Hmmm... just think what you're missing, Fulham fans!!!





ONE or two oddities from the tenth fixture in the Spanish League: Burgos, who hadn't won a game all season played Athletic Bilbao, who hadn't dropped a point at home. Burgos won 2-1 to record their first

after four matches River Plate (seen here), still smarting from their poor League and Copa Libertadores results, are the only team to have taken maximum points

word with in Bilbao.

Meanwhile, Salamanca's 2-2 home draw with Atlético Madrid keeps up their sorry record of never having beaten the Madrid side.

And in the Meanand Division poly.

And in the Second Division, only 13 goals were scored in the ten games played, with 12 teams failing

River Plate must win the Freeloaders of the Year award. Of the 50 people from the Argentinian club who made their Euro-pean tour, just 18 were players. The rest comprised directors and their wives and the River fans aren't too pleased about

this Spring.

Ardies is a delightful player to watch. He has control, vision, balance, good temperament . . all the essential qualities a world-class schemer needs.

The Argentine has quickly come to terms with the demands of the First

terms with the demands of the First Division and can now last 90 minutes and defend as well as any British player. I suspect, even though there is a long way to go, Peter Shilton will win our Most Exciting Player of the Season award, but right now, my vote would go to Ardiles. I'll be flabbergasted if his fellow professionals don't above him

fellow professionals don't choose him for the First Division team, at least, when the PFA awards are announced

Thomas Sjoberg, Maimo FF's centre-forward who scored in the World Cup for Sweden against Brazil moved to Al Sweath against Brazit moves to At Riyhad in Saudi Arabia after the World Cup. Soccer has really caught on there with crowds of up to 10,000 to watch training sessions.

It's hard to believe, but a news flash from Italy tells me Juventus' £1m striker Pietro Virdis has been sentenced to six months in prison! Apparently he lived up to his reputation as a lethal striker by striking a Turin policeman, who was trying to slap a fine on the taxi Virdis was riding in.

Barcelona have already paid out a total of £90,000 in bonuses to their players this season.

Only 161 goals were scored in the first 88 Turkish League games and two teams (Fenerbahce and Altay Izmir) have accounted for a quarter of the total! The rest are sadly lacking in goalscoring ideas and Kirrikale take the biscuit by having scored just one goal in 11 matches!

In Argentina, last year's National Championship winners, Independiente, have paid Huracan almost £100,000 for Argentina's reserve World Cup goal-keeper Hector Baley. The 28-year-old keeper has won 11 Argentinian caps and his fee is the highest ever paid for a goalkeeper in the country. . .



including the last round of the U.E.F.A. Cup, in the 192 European ties so far this season only 29 were away wins: eight in the European Cup, eight in the Cup-Winners' Cup and 13 in the U.E.F.A. Cup.

The veterans' team of Dutch club Volendam has just lost its first game in SIX years. Never mind, lads!

The second manager in Italy has lost his job this season. Napoli's Glovanni di Marzio was the first to go and he was followed by Gustavo Giagnoni of AS

Nelinho, the Brazil full-back who scored that unforgettable bending thunderbolt against Italy in Argentina, may never play again. He injured a knee in a fall and it is hoped an operation will cure the trouble, but it is by no means certain.

In Rumania, a referee was knifed and killed by a supporter during a local match in the town of Vrbje, who were playing against neighbours Granicar.

Hamburger SV who currently carry Hitachi on their shirts have sold that space to BP for season 1978-79...for 550,000 DM (approx. £140,000) for the season.

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This week's Star Letter comes from Martin Goodchild of Swindon, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He

WHAT ABOUT THE FANS, I.T.V.?

T.V. may think they've done well with their "Snatch of the Day", taking coverage of League soccer away from the B.B.C., but shouldn't they think of the public first?

They plan to televise their games on Saturday evenings, pre-sumably around the same time Match of the Day is now. Well, how about the many people who like to go out on Saturday evenings . . . or children who can't stop up that late?

Now, they won't be seeing any League football as there won't be any on Sundays.

I.T.V. may get more viewers, but they'll be less popular.

• I.T.V. are only interested in ratings and they hope fewer people will go out on Saturdays. I feel sorry for the younger fans who, as you say, will not be seeing much soccer on television. And to say 'they should go to matches" isn't relevant as many kids, thankfully, love to play on Saturdays, I believe I.T.V. have pulled off a great business deal, but at the expense of many supporters.

Respect Refs

AM writing to defend referees as everyone appears to be after their heads. They are constantly criticised for decisions they make by players, managers, Press and fans.

They are sworn at and pushed around - I'm sure referees are not against any team and only give decisions which they believe are

Why can't referees have respect? ERIC ROBINSON, TUELBROOK

 Respect always has to be earnt.
 Yes, referees are honest, but the standard is dropping. What alarms me is the way dissent is too often punished while a nasty foul is unnoticed. I'm not condoning dis-sent, but foul play should ALWAYS be penalised.

SHOOT jinx on Hammers

AM a West Ham fan and, naturally, pleased with their progress in Division Two, but SHOOT is hindering them.

In your 14th October edition you published an article on David Cross and at the end said you hoped The Hammers would get back to Division One with Cross scoring a hat-ful of goels. After that article, David didn't score until your issue dated 4th November.

Then, you carried a piece on

Bryan Robson and since then, as I write, Pop hasn't scored either, apart from the Saturday following the article.

I have been looking forward to your full colour West Ham teamgroup, but . . .

DANIEL HASDELL, NEW ADDINGTON.

I just hope for West Ham's sake publishing your letter doesn't put a iinx on them!

Proud Derek

ONCERNING Derek Johnstone's statement in SHOOT "there is nothing corny about pulling that dark blue shirt over my head."

Every player should be proud of his country's shirt. The Rangers star also mentioned Scotland have made enemies from the Argentina affair. Aithough I'd have liked them to have done better. I will never desert them, unlike many respected (?) critics.

Scotland need more people like Derek Johnstone, whom I believe should be a regular. I wish him every success.

ADAM FLYNN, LARNE.

Derek's (below) "problem" is he's playing centre-half this season, thus competing with Gordon McQueen for the number five jersey. And up-front he has Joe Jordan and Andy Gray as challen-gers to lead the attack. Derek is a fine player, but is unfortunate in some ways to face such competition. Still, it's a challenge Derek should rise to.



Roker cash

As a Sunderland fan, I was pleased to hear the board were trying to get Brian Clough to take over from Jimmy Adamson. Not only were they going to give Cloughie a lucrative contact, but also a lot of money to spend.

When Adamson was at Roker, he had hardly any money to spend — perhaps if he'd been given more Sunderland would still be in Division One.

SEAN ANDERSON. NEW SEAHAM.

Maybe 1979 will see Sunderland spending some of "Clough's" cash and heading back to the top flight.

IN NEXT WEEK'S

SHOOT

FEATURES: We evaluate the Liverpool stars since the War to select a representative team of "Greats", and ask present manager, and past player, Bob Paisley, for his comment + Big Match Crosstalks: Man. City v Nottm. Forest, and Spurs v Arsenal + A special report on the recent Youth tournament in Monaco + A look at



the goalscorers (like Aberdeen's Joe Harper, above) North of the border +. Spotlight on Fulham + Interviews with those stars of the past Bobby Moore and Billy Bremner + Manager Jock Wallace (Leicester), John Barnwell (Wolves) and Billy Hails (Peterborough) + Mike Green (Torquay) + Tony Godden (West Brom), Phil Parkes (Q.P.R.) + Alan Buckley (Birmingham), Alan Cork (Wimbledon), and many other players in the news.

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'Charles the Third'



Jeers

THE manager who used to be an 18-year-old matchwinner knew exactly how to help the 18-year-old struggling to find his form. "Relax, take your time, be composed. Then it will come right."

And that is how Swansea City man-ager John Toshack guided Jeremy Charles back to the sizzling goalscoring standard he set from the moment he stepped into League football the season before last.

Charles, whose debut came a month before his 17th birthday, could do no wrong. Overnight he went from schoolboy to star as his first campaign in top class football produced 26 goals. Even for the son of Mel Charles and nephew of John Charles, that was

some going.
It did not last. All through the 1977-78 season, Jeremy struggled to find his touch; ran into his first taste of injury; suffered a mysterious chest iliness that left him pale and weak. At the end of the season, too, the home crowd started to jeer instead of cheer.

At the moment when he needed help most, Charles found it in John Toshack. The Wales striker left Liverpool, returned to his homeland as player-manager of Swansea . . . and went to work on the dispirited Charles.

'Headlines'

"He told me just where I was going wrong. He knew all the pittalls him-self because, as he pointed out, he had first played for Cardiff City as a 16-year-old and been in the headlines from the moment he stepped into professional football. He made me realise realiy, there was very little wrong with my game that could not be put right," explains the now rejuvenated teenager.

Toshack pulled out Charles from the front line and, a quarter of a century later, gave him the same mid-field role his father had played for Swansea. Now that boundless energy has been channelled into driving 30 yard runs in which the strength and ace of the six foot one inch are given full reign.

"I was lucky," says Charles mod-estly. "I needed a couple of goals early on this season. I got them and my confidence soared. Everything fell into place once again."

Now Charles is back in the golden bracket he achieved in his first season ... one of the most exciting young players in British football. The difference now is experience and judgment are harnessed to all his other talents.

While opposing defences watch for the aerial far post-near post strikes of Toshack and Alan Waddle, Charles

pounces on the blindside. His exceptional speed suddenly cuts through like a one man cavalry charge — and he is in front of goal before defenders have picked him up.

Charles was quickly into double

figures this season as a marksman and almost all of those goals came as the end product of his surging breaks from midfield. "Yes, the transforma-tion is marvellous," he agrees. "Towards the end of last season I

was going on the pitch worrying about my football, anxious about the crowd, wondering about my fitness. I tried to put all these problems out of my head but I wasn't always successful.

"After 26 goals first time, the very least people expected of me was to do the same again. I just could not put it together."

"These set-backs happen to young players. I know because I went through them in just the same way, agrees Toshack. "Now we have Jeremy doing the job which suits him best at THIS moment. "I stress that point because, with

the talent he has, there may well be other roles ahead of him as he matures. Just as with his father and his uncle, he could make the grade as a centre-forward or a centre-half . . .

and a world class grade at that.
"He cannot be far away from the Weish senior side now and I'm sure of one thing: when he gets there, Jeremy will be in that side for years to come."
International football is very much

on the Charles list of ambitions. "To help my club into a higher Division and to play for my country are what I want out of the game," he confirms. "If I achieve them, so much will be down to John and assistant-manager Terry Medwin.

"The changes they have made to The Swans in general and to me in particular have brought back my enjoyment for the game. In training, for instance, it is all short, sharp sprints rather than long runs; after training, there is so much to be talked over; during matches, there is a constant flow of advice from players like Ian Callaghan, Tommy Smith and Leighton Phillips.

"In this kind of atmosphere, you cannot help but improve. The frustra-

tion I went through only a few months ago is behind me now. I know exactly what I want from football . . . and

how to get it."
Now just 19, Charles has fought and won a couple of battles which would have stopped most players dead in their tracks. He has lived up to one of the most famous names in British football and he has proved to himself he can cope with both triumph and disaster.

LAN Durban saved Stoke City Afrom a slide which could have ended in the Third Division. That's the view of Stoke striker Viv Busby, the man who has got to know Durban's methods at close

Young, go-ahead manager Dur-an stepped into the Victoria ban stepped into the Victoria Ground when Stoke were in trouble. They'd been relegated from Division One and were suffering the sort of traditional hankover which goes with that particular problem. Busby remembers: "They wanted to go up, go straight back to the First and they were very ambitious. Things went well early on for them last season, but then they had a spell when they didn't play well. Things were going from bad to worse.
"The side probably thought it

needed at the time. We were all really low but his arrival seemed to

lift everyone.'

As Busby says, maybe the place just needed a new face to shake everything up. But whatever it was, Durban provided the trick. Stoke climbed to seventh in the Second Division table and were on the right road again. When they started off this season by going unbeaten for the first nine games,

no one was particularly surprised.
Busby says: "Alan is very good at livening people up and getting them to play to their full potential. He keeps you buzzing all the week and when he is there, everything is done well and in sharp fashion. That's the way it should be, too.

"If he gets us into the First Division, I don't think for a minute you'll see Stoke going down again.

The Saviour of Stoke

would be easy to go straight back up, especially after a good start. But once things went sour, there was nothing there and no one around to give us a lift. George Eastham bought me when he was manager. He was a really nice guy, I had a lot of respect for him. But when things went wrong, the club panicked. The final nail in the coffin was when Blyth Spartans beat us in the Cup — that did it. We had gone from third from top to sixth from bottom — and things were looking black. Then, Alan Durban joined as the new manager.

"When he came, he laid down a strict set of rules and disciplines. There was a code of ethics and we all knew we had to stick right to the letter of it. Alan seemed to put something into the players we all Stoke is not a Second Division club either on or off the field and we now have to prove that by getting promotion this season."

Busby's move to Stoke meant a fifth club for the much-travelled striker. He started at Luton, went to Newcastle for a period on loan, then joined Fulham before moving to Norwich. Why did he leave the First and Norwich City when things seemed to be going so

"John Bond and I had a row one day at training over something and we never seemed quite the same again," he said. "I almost joined again," he said. "I almost joined West Bromwich Albion but Bond said he didn't want me to go. But not long after he said Stoke wanted me and he was prepared to let me move. So I figured it would be the best thing for everyone if I went and although I was to leave — it was such a nice club — Stoke has been good for

me.
"I am convinced Stoke's future will be a bright one. We have more experience and solidity now Mike Doyle has joined us from Manches-City. People might think he is finished but that's nowhere near the truth. Mike is a 100 per cent player and he's tightened up the back-four. He wants First Division football again and that is typical of the attitude in the side now.

Busby himself realises competition for places in the first team is now hotting up. He explains: "I only played six matches up to the end of November through a combination of injuries and other factors. Brendan O'Callaghan has played up-front with Garth Crooks some of the time and I have often been substitute. But I did score four goals in a spell of five full games so was fairly happy with my ferm.

What held me back in the early months of the season was a nagging knee injury. I got it at Cambridge and it seemed to linger for quite a while. But if things don't go for me now, I'll fight and work

much harder to get my place back. "That's the sort of spirit and attitude a fellow like Alan Durban instills into every player. He has been the saviour of Stoke City. I'm convinced he is set to become one of the best managers in the game of the future.



RESULTS SCORERS TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY, NOV 11

FOURTH DIVISION

(Continued)

TORQUAY (1) 3 (Murphy, Cooper, Lawrence) GRIMSBY (0) 1 (Drinkell)

Torquay: Turner; Twitchin, Darke, Davies, Green, Dunne, Wilson, Lawrence, Cooper,

Green, Dunne, Wilson, Establish, Murphy, Raper.
Grimsby: Batch; Moore (D), Moore (K),
Waters, Barker, Crombie, Brolly, Partridge,
Drinkell, Cumming, Mitchell.

WIMBLEDON (1) 2 (Denny 2) STOCKPORT (0) 0

3.177

Wimbledon: Goddard; Perkins, Eames, Gal-liers Galvin, Donaldson, Leslie, Haverson, Denny, Cork, Parsons. Stockport: Rogan; Thorpe, Rutter, Fogarty, Park, Edwards, Henson, Armstrong (Halford), Bradd, Summerbee, Lee.

YORK (0) 0 BARNSLEY (0) 1 (Bell)

6.900

York: Brown; Kay, Walsh, Pugh, Faulkner, Clements, Warnock (Ford), Randall, Loggie, McDonald, Staniforth.
Barnsley: Springett; Collins, Chambers, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Riley, Clarke, Joicey (Speedie), Millar, Bell.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

HEARTS (0) 0 PARTICK (1) 1 (O'Hara)

Hearts: Dunlop; Brown, Jefferies, McNicoll, Hearts: Duniop; Brown, Jeneries, McNicon, Liddell, Fraser, Gibson, Bannon (Craig), O'Con-nor, Busby, McQuade (Robertson). Partick: Rough; McKinnon, Whittaker, Anderson, Campbell, Marr, Houston, Melrose,

O'Hara, Somner, Park (Gibson)

MORTON (1) 3 (Ritchie 3, 1 pen.) DUNDEE UTD (0) 1 (Addison)

6.500 Morton: Connaghan; Hayes, Holmes, Evans, Orr, Rooney, Russell, Miller, Thomson, Scott,

Dundee U: McAlpine; Stewart, Kopel, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Stark, Sturrock, Payne (Honeyman), Kirkwood, Addison.

MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (Wilson) ABERDEEN (0) 1 (Scanlon) 5 448

Motherwell: Rennie; Carr, Wark, McLaren McVie, Stevens, Marinello, Pettigrew, Larnach,

Miller (Clinging), Wilson.
Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, McLelland,
McMaster (Considine), Rougvie, Miller,
Strachan, Fleming (Scanlon), Harper, Jarvie,
Sullivan.

RANGERS (0) 1 (Forsyth A.) 52,330 CELTIC (0) 1 (Lynch)

Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Forsyth (A), Forsyth (T), Johnstone, MacDonald, McLean, Rus-

sell, Smith, Watson, Miller. Celtic: Baines; Filippi, Lynch, Aitken, McDonald, Edvaldsson, Provan, McLeod, McAdam, Burns, Doyle.

ST. MIRREN (0) 1 (Stark) HIBS (0) 0

St. Mirren: Thomson; Young, Munro, Fitzpatrick, Dunlop, Copland, Richardson, Stark, Owen, Torrance, McGarvey.

Hibs: McDonald; Bremner, Smith, Fleming, Stewart (Rae), McNamara, O'Brien (Brazil), McLeod, Hutchinson, Campbell, Higgins.

MONDAY, NOV. 13

THIRD DIVISION

MANSFIELD 0

Mansfield: Arnold; Curtis, Foster (B), Saxby (G), Saxby (M), Bird (Allen), Miller, Foster (C), Syrett, Goodwin, McClelland.
Tranmere: West; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Cahill, Evans, O'Neil, Postlewaite, Moore, Pep-

low, McAuley.

TUESDAY, NOV. 14

LEAGUE CUP (Fourth Round replay)

SOUTHAMPTON (2) 2 (Hebberd, Nicholl)

READING (0) 0 22,892
Southampton: Gennoe; Golac, Andreszewski, Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Boyer,

Hebberd, Holmes, Curran (Hayes), Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Earles, Hetzke (Kearns), Kear-

THIRD DIVISION

PLYMOUTH (2) 3 (Binney, Rogers, Green)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 2 (Bason o.g., Cunning-7,398 PLYMOUTH (2) 3 (Binney, Rogers, Green o.g.)

Plymouth: Hodge; Bason, Rogers, Silkman, Foster, Clarke, Megson, Fear, Binney, Graves,

Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley, Styles, Doyle, Green, Ross, Robertson, McEwan, Butlin, Sargent (Robson), Cunningham.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

(Quarter-Finals, second-leg)

ABERDEEN (2) 3 (McLelland, Harper,

Archibald)
AYR (1) 1 (McLaughlin)
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Aberdeen: Gardner; Kennedy, McLelland,
McMaster, Rougvie, Miller, Strachen, Fleming
(Scanlon), Harper, Archibald, Sullivan.
Ayr: Sproat; Wells, Connor, McColl, McAllister, Cramond (Phillips), McSherry, McLaughlin,
McLelland, McCall, Christie.

ARROATH (1) 1 (Fletcher)

ARBROATH (1) 1 (Fletcher)
RANGERS (1) 2 (Smith, Russell) 4,000
Arbroath: Lister; McKenzie, Rylance, Cargill,
Wells, Fettes (Follon), Kidd, Fletcher, Wilson,
Carson (Glavine), Yule.
Rangers: McCloy; Miller, Forsyth (A), Jardine, Forsyth (T) (Cooper), Watson, McLean,
Russell, Johnstone, Urquhart (McDonald),
Smith

CELTIC (3) 3 (McAdam, Lynch pen.,

CELIC (3) 8 (McGasin, 19,000 Edvaldsson) MONTROSE (0) 1 (Georgeson) 10,000 Celtic: Baines: McGrain, Lynch, Aitken, McDonald, Edvaldsson, Provan, Casey, McAdam (McCluskey), Lennox, Doyle. Montrose: Gorman; Lowe, Darcy (B), Ford, Darcy (D), Hair, McIntosh, Robb, Georgeson, Walker, Livingstone (Murray).

MORTON (0) 0 MORTON (0) 0 5,000
Hibs: McDonald; Duncan, Kilgour, Bremner,
Fleming, McNamara, Mathisen, McLeod,
Refvik, Callachan, Higgins.
Morton: Connaghan; Hayes, Holmes, Evans,
Orr, Rooney, Russell, Miller, Thomson, Scott,

FRIDAY, NOV. 17

THIRD DIVISION

SOUTHEND (1) 1 (Polycarpou) MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Syrett) 7,532
Southend: Cawston; Dudley, Stead, Laverick, Cusack, Moody, Morris, Pountney,

Parker, Fell (Walker), Polycarpou.

Mansfield: Arnold; Curtis, Foster (B), Foster (C), Saxby (M), McClelland, Gratton (Wood),

FOURTH DIVISION

STOCKPORT (1) 1 (Bradd)

NEWPORT (1) 1 (Warriner) 4,009 Stockport: Rogan; Halford, Rutter, Fogarty, Park, Edwards, Hanson, Prudham, Bradd, Summerbee, Lee.

Newport: Plumley; Walden, Byrne, Warriner Davies, Bruton, Vaughan, Lowndes, Goddard, Woods, Brown (Thompson).

SATURDAY, NOV. 18

FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL (0) 2 (Brady 2, 1 pen)
EVERTON (1) 2 (Ross, Dobson) 39,801
Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price,
O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton,
Gatting, Rix.
Everton: Wood; Todd, Pejic, Lyons, Wright

(Nulty), Ross, King, Dobson, Latchford, Walsh,

ASTON VILLA (0) 2 (Deehan, Cowans)
BRISTOL C (0) 0 27,621
Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Williams, Evans
(Gibson), McNaught, Mortimer, Shelton, Linton, Deehan, Cowans, Gregory.
Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Gillies, Gow, Rodgers, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle, Bain (Whitehead), Mabbutt.

BOLTON (0) 0

BOLTON (0) 0
W.B.A. (0) 1 (Brown. A)
Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Burke,
Greaves, Jones (P), Walsh, Morgan, Reid,
Gowling, Worthington, McNab.
W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Trewick, Brown
(T), Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Martin, Cantello, Cunningham.

CHELSEA (1) 1 (Langley)
TOTTENHAM (0) 3 (Lee 2, Hoddle) 41,594
Chelsea: Phillips; Wilkins (G), Stride, Stanley, Wicks, Harris, McKenzie, Wilkins (R), Lang-

ley, Swain, Walker. Tottenham: Kendall; Gorman, McAllister, Holmes, Lacy, Perryman, Pratt, Ardiles, Lee, Hoddle, Taylor.

DERBY (0) 2 (Daly, Buckley) BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Givens) Derby: Middleton; Langan, Buckley, Daly, Daniel, Moreland, Carter, Powell, Clarke, Cas-

Birmingham: Freeman; Tarrantini, Dennis, Towers, Gallagher, Page, Dillon, Buckley, Givens, Calderwood (Ainscow), Fox.

LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Neal pen.)

LIVERPOOL (9) 1 (Neal pen.)

MAN. CITY (0) 0

47,765
Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A),
Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish,
Case, Heighway, Johnson, Souness.

Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie,
Booth, Watson, Owen, Channon (Futcher R),
Palmer, Kidd, Hartford, Barnes.

MAN. UTD (1) 2 (Coppell, Greenhoff (J))

MAN. UTD (1) 2 (Coppell, Green, 42,109
Man. U: Bailey; Albiston, Houston,
Greenhoff (B), McQueen, Buchan, Coppell,
Greenhoff (J), Jordan, Sloan (McGrath),

Greennon (A), Mollroy, Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Talbot, Osman, Beattle, Wark, Muhren (Gedddis), Mariner, Gates, Woods.



Aston Villa's John Deehan scored one of his side's goals in their 2-0 home win against Bristol City.

MIDDLESBRUGGH (1) 2 (Burns, Mills)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0 17,169
Midddlesbrough: Stewart; Craggs, Bailey,
Mahoney, Boam, McAndrew, Cochrane, Mills,
Shearer, Burns, Armstrong,
Southampton: Gennoe; Golac, Andruszewski, Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Boyer,

Hebberd (Sealy), Holmes, Curran.

NORWICH (0) 1 (Bond)

COVENTRY (0) 0 17,696 Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Davies, Ryan, Hoad-ley, Powell, Neighbour, Peters, Reeves,

Symonds, Mendham. Coventry: Sealey; Coop, McDonald, Blair, Osgood, Gillespie, Bannister, Wallace, Thomp-son, Powell, Hutchison.

NOTTM FOREST 0

28.036

Q.P.R. 0

Nottm Fis Shilton; Anderson, Bowyer, Needham, Lloyd, O'Hare, Mills, Gemmill, Birtles, Woodcock, Robertson.

Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Shanks, Eastoe, Francis, Busby, Bowles, Cuppinghes.

Cunningham.

WOLVES (1) 1 (Daniel)
LEEDS (1) 1 (Currie)
Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daniel,
Hazell, Berry, Hibbitt, Daley, Bell, Eves, Black,
Leeds: Harvey; Cherry, Gray (F), Flynn, Hart,
Madeley, Gray (E), Hankin, Hawley, Currie,

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN (1) 3 (Craig, Hird pen., Radford) NOTTS CO. (3) 4 (Hooks, Vinter, Masson, Hunt) 7,893

Hunt) 7,893 Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Fowler, Craig, Radford, Birchenall.

Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Benjamin, Stubbs, Mann, McCulloch, Masson (McVay), Hooks, Hunt, Vinter.

BRISTOL R. (2) 5 (Randall 3, Williams 2) CHARLTON (3) 5 (Tydeman, Robinson 2, Flana-

gan 2) 8,107 Bristol R: Thomas; Aitken, Bater, Day, Taylor, Prince (Hendrie), Dennehy, Williams, Staniforth, Randell, Parry

Staniforth, Randall, Barry. Charlton: Wood; Shaw, Campbell, Tydeman (Peacock), Shipperley, Berry, Brisley, Robinson Flanagan, Madden, Gritt.

BURNLEY (2) 5 (Noble 3, 2 pens., James,

Fulham: Peyton; Evanson, Guthrie, Gale) 10,393
Burnley: Stevenson; Arins, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Hall, Ingham, Fletcher, Kindon (Robinson), James.
-Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Lock, Money, Gale, Lovell, Evanson, Guthrie, Beck, Greenaway.

CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Finney)

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EECESTER (0) 1 (Finderson) 8,875

Cambridge: Webster; Howard, Smith,
Stringer, Fallon, Leach, Garner, Spriggs,
Christie (Cozens), Finney, Biley,
Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe,
May, Williams, Kelly, Weller, Ridley, Christie,

Henderson, Hughes.

LUTON (1) 2 (Stein, Turner)

NEWCASTLE (0) 0 10,434 Luton: Lawson; Price, Aizlewood, Carr, Turner, Donaghy, West, Fuccillo, Stein, Hatton,

Moss. Newcastle: Hardwick; Kelly (McGhee), Brownlie, Walker, Blackley, Barton, Suggett, Mitchell, Withe, Hibbitt, Connolly.

MILLWALL (1) 3 (Mitchell 2, Seasman) 6,928

Millwall (1) 3 (Mitchell 2, Seasman)
STOKE (0) 6,928
Millwall: Cuff; Donaldson, Moore, Chatterton, Kitchener, Tagg, Towner (Chambers),
Seasman, Mitchell, Walker, Mehmet.
Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Scott (Cook), Kendall,
Smith, Doyle, Dodd, Irvine, O'Callaghan,

Crooks, Richardson,

OLDHAM (0) 2 (Halom, Taylor)

CARDIFF (1) 1 (Bishop) 5,356 Oldham: McDonnell; Wood, Blair, Bell, Hicks, Hurst, Halom, Taylor, Young, Gardner,

Chapman. Cardiff: Platt; Dwyer, Thomas, Champbell, Pontin, Larmour, Attley, Bishop, Stevens, Evans, Lewis.

SHEFF. UTD. (0) 0 PRESTON (0) 1 (Bruce)

14,807

Sheff. U: Conroy; Cutbush, Garner, Renwick, Matthews, Speight, Anderson, Calvert (Varadi),

Guy, Sabella, Hamson.
Preston: Tunks; Taylor, Cameron, Burns,
Baxter, O'Riordan, Coleman, Haslegrave
(Doyle), Robinson, Thomson, Bruce.

SUNDERLAND (1) 2 (Rowell, Clarke)

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BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Poskett)

22,738

Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson (Brown),
Bolton, Chisholm, Clarke, Elliott, Buckley, Rostron, Entwistle, Lee, Rowell.

Brighton: Moseley; Tiler, Williams, Horton,
Rollings, Lawrenson, Ryan, Poskett, Maybank,

Sayer (Ward), Clark.

WEST HAM (1) 1 (Bonds)
C. PALACE (0) 1 (Elwiss)
West Ham: Day; Lampard, Brush, Holland
(Taylor, A), Taylor (T), Bonds, Curbishley,
Devonshire, Cross, Brooking, Robson.
Palace: Burridge; Fenwick, Sansom, Kember, Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas, Murphy,
Swindlehurst, Walsh, Hilaire (Elwiss).

WREXHAM (1) 3 (Lyons, Gray o.g., Hill)

ORIENT (0) 1 (Moores) 9,122
Wrexham: Davies; Jones, Dwyer, Davis,
Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil,

Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Grealish, Gray, Went, Hughton, Moores, Mayo, Kitchen, Coates.

THIRD DIVISION

BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Suddaby)

ROTHERHAM (2) 2 (Phillips, Finney) 6,085

Blackpool: Ward; Maione, Pashley, May
(Hockaday), Suddaby, McEwan, Weston, Keliow, Spence, Chandler, Waldron.

Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Stancliffe, Green, Flynn, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Crawford, Smith.

CHESTERFIELD 0

BRENTFORD 0 4,584
Chesterfield: Letheran; Flavell, O'Neill,

Hunter, Cottam, Prophett, Tartt, Kowalski, Fern, Salmons, Simpson. Brentford: Bond; Salman, Tucker, McNichol, Kruse, Graham (J), Shrubb, Carlton, Glover McCulloch, Phillips.

COLCHESTER (0) 1 (Wignall) SHEFF. WED. (0) 0 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Packer, Hodge, Wignall, Dowman, Foley, Gough, Lee, Bunkell,

Allinson.
Sheff. W: Turner; Blackhall, Rushbury, Pickering, Smith, Mullen, Wylde, Porterfield, Leman, Owen (Lowey), Hornsby.

CHESTER (0) 1 (Mellor)

Exeter: O'Keefe; Templeman, Hore, Forbes, Mitchell, Roberts, Neville, Pearson, Bowker,

Chester: Lloyd; Nickeas, Raynor, Storton, Jeffries, Oakes, Jones, Livermore, Howat, Mel-lor, Phillips.

GILLINGHAM (1) 3 (Jolley 2, Richardson) BURY (0) 3 (Beamish 2, 1 pen., Stanton) 6,291 Gillingham: Hillyard; Sharpe, Crabbe, Over-ton, Weatherley, Jolley, Nicholl, Hughes, Price, Westwood, Richardson.

Bury: Forrest; Ritson, Kennedy, Lugg, Whitehead, Tucker, Wilson, Stanton, Beamish, Gregory, Taylor.

HULL (1) 2 (Horswill, Edwards)
TRANMERE (0) 1 (Peplow)
Hull: Blackburn, Nisbet, DeVries, Horswill,
Dobson, Halgh, Warboys, Lord, Edwards, Ban-

nister, Farley.
Tranmere: West: Parry, Cahill, Mathias, Bramhall, Evans, O'Neil, Postlewaite, Moore, Peplow, Flood (McAuley).

LINCOLN (2) 3 (Fleming 2 pens., Hobson) PLYMOUTH (1) 3 (Fear, Binney pen., Clarke)

Lincoln: Turner; Guest, Leigh, Fleming, Smith, Cooper, Hobson, Ward, Tynan, Watson,

Plymouth: Burns; Bason, Rogers, Silkman, Foster, Clarke, Megson, Fear (Upton), Binney,

PETERBOROUGH (0) 0
WATFORD (0) 1 (Blissett) 8,048
Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley, Styles,
Doyle, Green, Ross, Robertson, McEwan, Butlin, Cliss, Cunningham (Robson).
Watford: Sherwood; Stirk, Pritchett, Booth,

Bolton, Garner, Blissett, Mayes, Jenkins, Jos-

SWANSEA (0) 1 (Waddle)
OXFORD (1) 1 (Seacole) 11,491
Swansea: Crudgington; Evans, Morris,
Smith, Phillips, Charles, Callaghan, James (R);
Waddle, Toshack, Bartley.
Oxford: Burton; Taylor, Fogg, Briggs, Bodel,
Jeffery, Graydon, Duncan, Foley, Hodgson,
Seacole.

SWINDON (0) 2 (Gilchrist, Aizlewood)
SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Griffin) 7,317
Swindon: Ogden; McLaughlin, Ford,
McHale, Aizlewood, Stroud, Miller, Carter, Gilchrist (Williams), Bates, Kamara.
Shrewsbury: Wardle; King, Leonard, Turner,
Griffin, Hayes, Chapman, Tong, Atkins, Biggins, Maguire.

WALSALL (0) 1 (Birch) CARLISLE (1) 2 (Serella o.g., Kemp) Walsall: Kearns; Macken, Harrison, Sbragia, Serella, King, Birch, Caswell, Austin, McDonough, Kelly (Penn). Carlisle: Swinburn; Hoolickin, McCartney, Ludlam, Tait, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Kemp, Lumby, Hamilton.

FOURTH DIVISION

ALDERSHOT (1) 1 (Dungworth, pen.)

Aldershot: Johnson; Edwards, Wooler, Dixon, Youlden, Jopling, Longhorn, Brodie, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor. Rochdale: Felgate; O'Louglin, Snookes (Ban-non), Hart, Scott, Scaife, Hoy, Price, Hilditch,

Esser, Owen.

BARNSLEY (0) 0 BRADFORD C (1) 1 (Cooke) 11.695



Gary Rowell was on target as Sunderland beat Brighton 2-1.

Barnsley: Springett; Collins, Chambers, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Reed, Clarke, Riley, Millar (Speedie), Bell. Bradford C: Downsborough; Podd, Watson, Reaney, Baines, Wood, Martinez, Dolan,

Cooke, McNiven, Hutchins.

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 2 (Butler M. 2)

DARLINGTON (0) 2 (Seal, Walsh) 6,005
Bournemouth: Allen; Butler (G), Miller,
Impey, Brown (R), Barton, Borthwick (Lennard), MacDougall, Butler (M), Massey, Brown

Darlington: Owers; Nattress, Cochrane, Crosson, Craig, Stone, Lyons, Walsh, Ferguson, Seal, Wann.

DONCASTER (1) 1 (Bradley)
YORK (1) 2 (Randall, Wellings) 2,479
Doncaster: Peacock; Lally, Taylor, Cork,
Bradley, Olney, Lewis, Snodin, Jones (Owen),
French, Laidlaw.
York: Brown; Kay, Walsh, Pugh, Faulkner,
Clements, Ford, Randall, Wellings, McDonald,
Staniforth

GRIMSBY (0) 2 (Cumming, Moore K.)
HALIFAX (1) 1 (Prendergast) 4,128
Grimsby: Batch; Moore (D), Moore (K),
Waters, Barker, Crombie, Partridge (Ford),
Mitchell, Drinkell, Cumming, Brolly,
Halifax: Leonard; Dunleavy, Hutt, Smith,
Burke, Loske, Mountford, Johnson, Campbell,
Prendergast, Sidebottom (Nixon).

HEREFORD (1) 3 (Crompton, Emery pen.,

Gould)
TORQUAY (1) 1 (Cooper)
Hereford: Hughes; Price, Burrows, Bailey,
Layton, Emery, Holmes, Crompton, Jones,
Gould, Spiring (Hill).
Torquay: Turner; Boulton, Payne, Davies
(Coffill), Green, Dunne, Wilson, Lawrence,
Cooper, Murphy, Raper.

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 3 Topping, Gray, Fletcher)

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 3 Topping, Gray, Fletcher, SCUNTHORPE (2) 2 (Dates, Keeley) 3,375 Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Sandersock, Lillis, Sutton, Topping, Gray (Fletcher), Hart, Cowling, Robins, Bielby.
Scunthorpe: Crawford; Davy, Pilling, Oates, Deere,: Czuczman, Grimes, Kilmore, Wigg

Deere,: Czuczman, Grimes, (Gouch), Keeley, O'Donnell.

NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Geidmintis pen.)

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WIMBLEDON (1) 1 (Leslie) 3,623
Northampton: Poole; Geidmintis, Mead,
Woollett, Robertson, Bryant, Fartington, Williams, Froggatt, Cordice, Wassell.
"Wimbledon: Goddard; Perkins, Eames
(Knowles), Galliers, Galvin, Donaldson, Leslie,
Denny, Haverson, Cork, Parsons.

PORTSMOUTH (0) 3 (Garwood pen., Foster,

HARTLEPOOL (0) 0 Portsmouth: Mellor; Éllis, Viney, Denyer, Foster, Davey, Hemmerman, Lathan, Garwood, Barnard, Pullar (Hand).

Hartlepool: Richardson; Smith (G), Gorry, Lawrence, Brooks, Ayre, Linacre (Norton), Goldthorpe, Newton, Houchen, Loadwick.

PORT VALE (1) 2 (Farrell pen., Healy)

CREWE (1) 2 (Bowles, Coyne) 4,607
Port Vale: Connaughton; Keenan, Bentley,
Harris, Sproson, Hawkins, Tully, Farrell,

Harris, Sproson, Hawkins, Tully, Parten, Wright, Beech, Healy. Crewe: Rafferty; Wilkinson, Roberts, Rim-mer, Bowles, Bevan, Davies, Purdie, Coyne, Wilshaw, Robertson (Nicholls)

WIGAN (1) 3 (Houghton, 2, Ward)

READING (0) 0 5.858 READING (0) 0 5,858
Wigan: Brown; Smart, Hinnigan, Gore,
Ward, Fretwell, Corrigan, Wright, Moore,
Houghton, Purdie.
Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman,
Hicks, Bennett, Earles, Hetzke, Kearney, Sanchez (Kearns), Lewis.



Keith Fear scored one of the goals for Plymouth in a 3-3 draw away to Lincoln.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

RANGERS 0

Aberdeen: Clarke; Kennedy, McLeiland, McMaster, Rougvie, Miller, Strachan, Archibald, Harper, Sullivan, Scanlon (Fleming). Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Dawson, Johnstone, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Parlane, Smith, Watson.

DUNDEE UTD (2) 2 (Stewart, Kirkwood)
MOTHERWELL (1) 1 (Larnach) 5,876
Dundee U: McAlpine; Stewart, Stark, Flemming, Hegarty, Rex. Honeyman (Payne), Sturrock, Robinson, Kirkwood, Addison.
Motherwell: Rennie; Carr (Shanks), Wark, McLaren, McVie, Stevens, Marinello, Pettigrav, Marach, Millar, Wilene (Finders).

grew, Larnach, Millar, Wilson (Lindsay).

HIBS (1) 2 (Hutchinson, Callachan)

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CELTIC (1) 2 (Provan, McLeod)
Hibs: McDonald; Duncan, Smith, Bremner,
Fleming, McNamara, Mathisen, MacLeod,
Refvik, Callàchan, Hutchinson.
Celtic: Baines; Filippi (Casey), Lynch, Aitken,
McDonald, Edvaldsson, Provan, MacLeod,
McAdam, McCluskey (Lennox), Doyle.

MORTON (2) 3 (Thomson, Ritchie, Hutchinson) MORTON (2) 3 (Thomson, Ritchie, Hutchinson). HEARTS (1) 2 (Bannon pen., O'Connor) 7,500 Morton: Connaghan; Hayes, Holmes, Evans, Orr, Rooney, Russell (McNeill), Miller, Thom-son (Hutchinson), Scott., Ritchee. Hearts: Dunlop; Brown (Kidd), Jefferies, McNicoll, Liddell, Frazer, Gibson (Prentice), Bannon, O'Connor, Craig, Robertson.

PARTICK (2) 2 (Metrose, Anderson)

PARTICK (2) 2 (Melrose, Anderson)
ST MIRREN (1) 1 (Young)
Partick: Rough; McKinnon, Whittaker, Camp
bell, Anderson, Marr, Houston, Melrose,
O'Hara, Somner, Park
St. Mirren: Thomson; Young, Mowat,
Fitzpatrick, Dunlop, Copland, Richardson,
Start, Bone, Torrance, McGarvey.

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK. DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR SHOOT













Holland's Arnold Muhren (Ipswich Town).

Poland's Kazimierz Deyna (Manchester City).



ENGLAND'S FOREIGN



Southampton's Ivan Golac arrived in England from Yugoslavia.





Why March 10th is a red letter day in MARTIN DOBSON'S Diary...

M ARTIN Dobson is hoping Everton can at last take some of the Merseyside glory from their rivals Liverpool.

Everton ended Liverpool's domination in the derby games with a 1-0 success at Goodison in October — their first derby win for seven years.

Now they've broken that barrier, Everton want to see some of the silverware being diverted to their section of Mersevside, too.

section of Merseyside, too.
Says Dobson: "It was an important psychological boost, beating Liverpool. Everyone had been on our backs about us not winning a derby game. I was sick to death of people repeating the statistics about how long it had been since we scored a goal, how long since we'd beaten them, and the rest.

"I suppose now everyone will be on about how long it's been since we got two points at Anfield on March 10th. So we'll have to go over there and win as well later in the season.

"The win at Goodison was very important as far as this season's Championship goes, too. If we'd lost, we would have been six points behind, and that's a bit of a can to make up.

gap to make up.
"I think we're in with a chance
this term. I'm very pleased with
the set-up and the way things are
going. We are playing the right
way, and even when things go
wrong, we have the character to
get back into games."

The irony for Everton was after producing their best form to topple Liverpool, they then lost their unbeaten record to Dukla Prague in the U.E.F.A. Cup. And the following week, they were put out of the League Cup by Merseyside scourges, Forest.

"Those defeats might have been a bit of a reaction from the Liverpool game. We'd really psyched ourselves up for that one, and maybe we peaked too early. That

Everton's Andy King (left) scores the only goal against Liverpool to record their first derby win for seven years.

was the first of a series of five or six crucial games and we could have done with pacing ourselves better."

Although it was Billy Bingham who bought him from Burnley for £300,000 in 1974, Dobson hasn't found things much different under Gordon Lee's management.

"I still play much the same way. I've always been a midfield player who likes to go forward and I've played best with a man wide on my left.

my left.
"At Burnley, I had Leighton
James doing that job and here, it's
another ex-Burnley player, Dave
Thomas. He's really been at the
top of his form this season.
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"The worrying thing is Dave is so important to the team, and the only one capable of producing such a fabulous service we have to completely adjust when he's not in the team.

Old system

"In one game, we experimented with four men strung across the middle of the park but it didn't work very well. By the following game, we were back to the old system. Dave really is so good at his job.

his job.
"We have got George Telfer, who can come into the side to do a similar job but without knocking him, Dave is almost irreplaceable the way he is performing at the moment.

"The other thing we have to do now is get more going down the right hand side of the field. It's all right having Dave destroying people on the left, but we can't build all our attacks on that wing.

"The idea was to have Mickey Walsh, before his injury, going over to that side more. That's the role I think the boss wants to see him in, going wide down the right when he recovers."

Dobson sees Liverpool, once

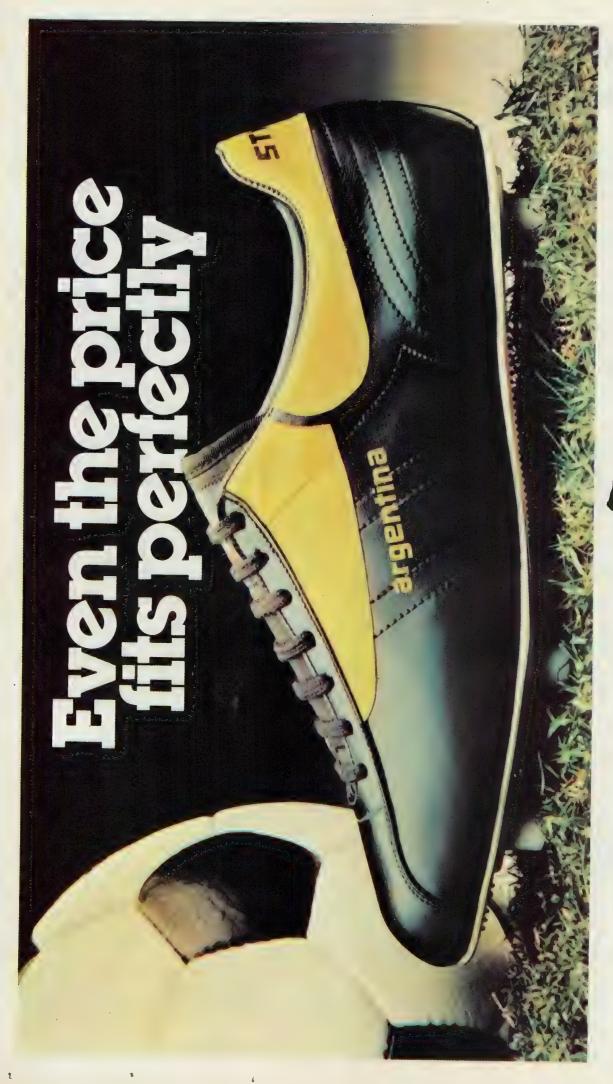
again, as the main threat to Everton's hopes of winning their first title since 1970. "Nottingham Forest look like challenging again, too

too.
"West Brom also look a very useful side, but I'm not sure whether they'll have the consistency to stay in the race. The same

might apply to Arsenal, who looked good when we played them at Highbury."

Everton proved themselves kings of Merseyside for a while with that win over Liverpool. Now Dobson is confident they can bring the rest of the country to its knees, too.





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FOCUSOR FRANK STAPLETO Arconal

FULL NAME: Francis Anthony Stapleton BIRTHPLACE: Dublin BIRTHDATE: 10th July, 1956 HEIGHT: 5ft 111/4ins WEIGHT: 12st 12lbs **PREVIOUS CLUBS: None** MARRIED: No, but I have a girlfriend **CAR:** Cortina **FAVOURITE PLAYER: Too many to** choose from **FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** Manchester United MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: They are all hard **MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: 1977-78** F.A. Cup Semi-Final v. Orient. We won **BIGGEST THRILL: Playing in the 1978** F.A. Cup Final against Ipswich Town BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing 1-0 to Ipswich in the above Final BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Holland FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak **MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Playing** darts and reading
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Bad mannered people and losing
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: The Good
Life, Top of the Pops and sports programmes
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Dubliners and Wings
FAVOURITE ACTORS: Charles
Bronson and Peter Sellers
BROWN BROWN My girlfriend BEST FRIEND: My girlfriend BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: All the coaching staff at Highbury and my father BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Losing INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Schoolboy, Youth and Full caps for Eire PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To be successful IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET?

Italian filmstar Sophia Loren

SHOOT!



Just as I was beginning to relax, Gordon Guthrie would give me deep massage which lasted nearly half-an-hour. It was very painful, but totally necessary. I just had to laugh otherwise I'd have cried.

Lunch was simply a sandwich and cup of tea with Gordon, who I'd like to thank for the tremendous job he did on me.

Usually I got home around 4.00 p.m., exhausted, feeling as though I'd been through a hard day's training.

I made my comeback against Blackpool reserves on September 30th — and got carried off after jarring my knee violently.

So it was back to the treatment

table for another couple of weeks

knee injuries . . . and how my old pal Pancho Pearson has struggled with a similar set-back at Manchester United.

Gradually with treatment the pain eased and I was ready for another run-out, v. Blackburn Rovers reserves on October 14th.

This time I played for most of the match, coming off in the last ten minutes when I felt some reaction in the knee.

A few days later I saw a specialist who gave me two injections and ordered me home for the weekend and a complete rest.

The following Monday I played for the first-half of Derby's friendly against Zeljeznicar Sarajevo at the Baseball Ground and scored with a 30-yard volley in our 3-2 win.

Two days later I turned out for a combined Coventry City/Derby Select v. a Forest/Leicester XI in a charity match at Highfield Road.

Although I again only played for

. . and into the worst period of my soccer life!

I was unbearable to live with, and made life miserable for my wife lackie.

Dreadful thoughts went through my mind. I lay awake until the early hours, worried sick.

Was I in need of an operation? Was my career in jeopardy?

I thought of all the other players who had to retire early because of half the game I knew I was well on the way back to complete recovery.

I was given a warm welcome by the Derby fans against the Yugos-lavs. They'd seen so little of me since my transfer from Manchester United they must have thought I

was a guest player. I thought Derby played well that night. I'm also sure once Tommy Docherty is able to field his best team Derby will show we are a good

T seems you only have to hiccup at Derby to get injured these

No other First Division club has had to suffer so many injuries over

the past couple of years.
As "The Ram", Derby County's excellent programme/newspaper, pointed out a few weeks ago: "The first team has been deprived of 321 first choice players in 125 games."

Only four times in that period was Tommy Docherty able to field his strongest team.

The gaffer's plan to rebuild Derby has been a disaster, simply because

of the crippling number of injuries.

I played only three League matches for the club before being struck down with twisted knee ligaments, suffered while turning for a ball in the last minute of our League Cup-tie at Leicester on August 30th.

In answer to all the letters I've had asking me to describe my injury I'll repeat what the doctor told me.

Apparently the ligaments fit like a set of braces down the side of the knee joint. These allow the knee to bend. Well, I damaged both.

Apparently it was like screwing up wet teacloth, squeezing out the

water and holding it up waiting for the creases to fall out.

I'd squeezed the lubrication out of my knee joint and the cavity filled with fluid and blood.

Hurt? You bet it did. At times the pain was intolerable.

The knee was put into plaster for a couple of weeks to keep the joint from bending and to help it settle

When the plaster came off I worked like a trojan to get the movement back.

To strengthen the knee I had to step up and down from a little box,

holding weights in my hands. Up-and-down . . . up-and-down . . . for half-an-hour. Great fun!

As the knee improved I ran upand-down the back stairs to the main stand at the Baseball Ground . with physio Gordon Guthrie on my back.

This strengthened thigh muscles which had become weak through inactivity.

Talk about the glamour world of the soccer star.

Then I did stomach exercises and circuit training before having a good soak in the bath.



Wife Jackie and daughter Kerry help Gordon to clean his car.



side with potential. Unfortunately we haven't been able to prove it yet. Just for the record here's our injured list this season, apart from

Charlie George (twisted knee ligaments, the same injury I suffered); Roy McFarland (hamstring); John Duncan (calf strain); Steve Buckley (groin strain); John Clark (broken toe); Bruce Rioch (appendicitis, with complications), Colin Todd (before his move to Everton we lost him with Achilles trouble), Gerry Daly (missed the start because of broken jaw) and new signing Billy Caskey (shoulder injury). Frightening, isn't it?

Perhaps I can take this opportun-

Perhaps I can take this opportunity to make an appeal to all Derby County fans...please don't expect miracles when players return after being out for a long spell.

It takes time to get back into your stride after an injury, especially a nasty one.

Derby's walking wounded, and the whole team, need support more than ever now.

Fingers crossed a near fullstrength Derby side will face Arsenal at Highbury this Saturday (December 16th).

As you know I have a healthy respect for The Gunners and regard them as the only London side at the moment likely to land among the honours.

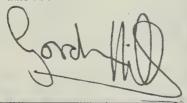
I love playing at Highbury. Everything about the place smells of tradition and history.

My debut for Derby was against Arsenal at the end of last season and I scored in a 3-0 victory at the Baseball.

And. I understand Rams also achieved a notable 3-1 win on our last League visit to Highbury in November, 1977.

I'd be stupid to forecast a similar result in Derby's favour this Saturday . . . I'll be happy with a 1-0 victory.

All the best. It's great being back in SHOOT. See you in two week's time...





Why Jimmy Greenhoff almost quit Manchester United

IMMY Greenhoff was set to leave Manchester United earlier this season — for the sake of a principle. Greenhoff, United's hardworking front runner, was upset and disappointed not to be awarded a pay rise at the start of the new season.

United, announcing a loss for last year of £150,000, felt Greenhoff couldn't be paid more. So Jimmy was ready to pack his bags and leave Old Trafford.

Would Greenhoff have really walked out on mighty Manchester United? The former Stoke, Birmingham and Leeds man was in no doubts as to the answer.

"Yes, I would certainly have gone," he says. "It was a matter of principle and I'd have left for that. It was the principle of not being offered a new contract with more money when everyone else at the club was. I was on a two-year contract and it had nothing to do with the duration of it. Isimply felt I was worth a little more money and I took a stand on the issue.

"I was told there was no money to pay me more so I told them I would leave."

Not London

At once, inquiries were made by several First Division clubs anxious to sign on a man with Greenhoff's ability and experience. Londoners Chelsea were one of the clubs anxious to get the United man.

But Greenhoff didn't fancy Stamford Bridge — for one clear reason "London wasn't for me — I just didn't want to move down to the capital," he said. "It's fine for some, not for others. I wasn't at all keen to move even though the clubs agreed fees."

Then, United decided Greenhoff WAS worth a rise. He was offered more money and a new contract and signed on the dotted line . . . tying himself to Manchester United for the next three years. At 32 years of age, a three-year contract was understandably an excellent proposition for Greenhoff.

Jimmy said: "I'm pleased I didn't have to leave. I never wanted to leave Old Trafford because this club is a fabulous place to be. But I would have gone for the sake of that principle. I wanted to stay here but wasn't prepared to do so at any cost. I was very glad when it was



all sorted out and I could get on with what I was doing best — play football. I wouldn't say the dispute really affected my form because I didn't let it. I always give my best for a club whatever the circumstances. But, all the same, it was certainly nice to have the matter resolved and know I was staying with United."

So now the problems are over, how does Greenhoff assess United's future? "We are going through a transitional stage," he says. "We are trying to get back on the right road to success, but I reckon it might well be coming now. Last season was a disappointing time for everyone at Old Trafford. However, we have learned from our mistakes and are now getting it together properly.

"The club is probably better than most others and the players are at least as good as anyone else's at other clubs. So I don't see any reason why the name of 'Manchester United' shouldn't start appearing on the trophies once again pretty soon.

"We're all trying to help one another in this side. It affects us all what happens and we all want to win something for Manchester United.

"I suppose if I had left I would have found another club and settled in there. But Manchester United is a special club — so many people will tell you that. And that's why I wanted to stay with the club. I was very happy when the whole thing was settled and I knew I was staying. Now, we're all looking to build on our steady start to the

season and progress from there.
"This is a club that needs success — and we, the players, aim to get that success for the club."

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You may see a different me'

F you like your football non-stop then five-a-side is probably right up your street. And I must confess, I quite enjoy it myself!

I had a real taste of it at the Daily Express sponsored fives competition at Wembley although I does tate to call it 'national' because Celtic were Scotland's only representatives.

We did not do too badly, winning our first game against Millwall 3-2 with guess who scoring the winning goal? Believe it or not it was Danny 'Gerd' McGrain!

The other two in that match came from Lisbon Lion Bobby Lennox who also happens to be a bit of a veteran of the five-a-side scene and although we went out in the next round to West Brom despite having an experienced squad which included Bobby, Peter Latchford, Jim Lumsden, Jim Casey and Peter Mackie I really enjoyed the whole affair.

It was good to get down to London and meet so many of my old friends on the football scene . . . people like Bruce Rioch, Tommy Hutchison and lan Wallace.

The place was full of big names like Paul Mariner and Mick Mills of Ipswich, David Nish of Derby and Gerry Francis and Phil Parkes of Q.P.R. and it was good to see Everton's Joe McBride there, son of an ex-Celtic favourite and a member of the highly successful Scotland youth team.

We don't get many oppor-



tunities to play the old fives for our bounce games at the Celtic training ground, Barrowfield, are usually 11-a-side and it is only when we manage to get down to Inverclyde we get a game of indoor football.

Still, the five-a-side routine is hectic and I was delighted I came through it all right . . . just as I-did

that vital League Cup Second Round tie against Montrose at Parkhead.

That one meant a lot to me because it wasn't just a friendly and with the score at 1-1 from the first-leg there was everything to play for. The tie was far from settled and it was fantastic to skipper my club through to a Semi-Final



game against Rangers.

Many people asked me why I didn't play against Hibs in the League match the following Saturday. Well, the answer is it is still a case of one step at a time.

But when I do return to playing regular first team football I think I should warn people you may see a different me. Thanks to my long lay-off I will be as much a new boy as Davie Provan and Murdo McLeod — both of whom I might add at this stage, are proving to be tremendous signings for the club.

Davie's playing style, that of an out and out right-winger, will ensure yours truly will be cutting down on his overlapping.

Meanwhile, back in the tightest Division in Europe, the Scottish Premier, things are hotting up. Or, to put it another way, for the first time this season there came a Saturday when the results came out predictably.

That was the last Saturday of

That was the last Saturday of November. Rangers, Aberdeen, Hearts and Celtic all won and St. Mirren drew at Tannadice.

Nevertheless it was another redhot day for referees — those controversial men who have really made the headlines recently.

Well, I don't want to get heavily into the circumstances surrounding the three Scottish officials who were suspended for accepting gifts from AC Milan . . . save to say this.

First I think the Scottish Football Association should be saluted for their prompt action in reporting their own officials to U.E.F.A. I wonder if any other F.A. in the world would have acted so quickly and efficiently.

and efficiently.

And secondly if the circumstances in the case are those we have read, I feel AC Milan got off very lightly in being fined only 35,000 Swiss francs, which I believe is around £8,000.

Referees in Scotland have been in the news consistently this season because of the introduction of the new discipline system and their consequent leniency with bookings.

Personally I don't like the new system because I think it gives our referees too much responsibility and it does away with the power of appeal.

I have already been booked twice this season playing in the reserve team . . . and on each occasion I think it was unjust. In the old days you could appeal in such a case, but now you just have to accept the consequences.

In fact, with the publication of my autobiography, I have had my name in a few books this season!
See you in two weeks...

Damy wigner

NEXT WEEK'S TARTAN TALK BY RANGERS' DEREK JOHNSTONE



SANDY JARDINE —Scotland's forgotten man

Live years ago soccer experts were envying the full-back partnership of the Scottish international side. On the right there was Rangers' Sandy Jardine and on the left was Celtic's Danny McGrain.

We all know why SHOOT columnist McGrain is off the international scene at the moment, but it is not quite so easy to puzzle out why Jardine has suddenly become a forgotten man.

He has been playing splendidly for the lbrox men this season, has been one of their most consistent players, admits he is feeling good, but in recent international matches the name of Sandy Jardine has been missing from the team lists.

Aberdeen's Stuart Kennedy played against Holland in the World Cup and then against Austria in the European Championship. Critics thought the then manager Ally MacLeod would have gone for experience in Vienna and brought in Jardine, but he wasn't even included in the pool.

Jock Stein used a LEFT-BACK, Willie Donachie, of Manchester City, at right-back against Norway at Hampden and again ignored the claims of Jardine for a place in his pool for the match against Portugal in Lisbon.

What does Jardine think of it all? Rightly, the player is staying out of things. There have been no outbursts, no cries of a vendetta against him, no blasts of "I don't want to play for Scotland again" or "Scotland can get lost" which we have heard in the past from other players.

Jardine is taking it all in his stride. He wants to be involved, of

stride. He wants to be involved, of course. He is a proud Scot and he has rarely let down his country in the dark blue shirt, but he has an answer to the puzzle every match day.

day.

He goes out on to the park and shows everyone he has lost none of the skills that made him a world-rated full-back only five years ago. Those same special talents



are at his disposal and he has even added to his many facets of soccer.

Manager John Greig gave him a new role at the back of the defence against Italian Champions Juventus in the European Cup this season and those tactics worked with Rangers going through to the next round on a 2-1 aggregate.

Jardine was outstanding and Greig says: "I knew I wasn't taking a chance when I gave Sandy a new job as a free man in our back-four.

"He is an adaptable player with great versatility and he is a thorough professional.

"Sandy actually strolled through those games against Juventus proving to everyone just how good he really is."

Jardine has already proved his versatility in a Scottish jersey. Right at the start of his career Tommy Docherty gave him tight marking roles in European Championship matches against Portugal and Belgium six years ago.

Against the Portuguese he was up against the fabulous Eusebio, but Jardine was so effective the superstar was taken off at half-time and substituted. Surely a tribute to Jardine's dogged determination and no-little skill.

Paul van Himst, another legendary figure, got the Jardine 'treatment' when the Scots faced Belgium and he was subdued as Scotland won again.

Sandy Jardine is used to the best things in life. He is used to being a recognised member of the Scottish international squad. He is also brave and skilful enough to come right back into the reckoning before too much time passes.

Aberdeen fans didn't want WILLIE MILLER—at first

MR. CONSISTENCY ... that's the title that must be handed to Aberdeen's so-reliable skipper and sweeper Willie Miller, the youngster who took on a mansized job and came up with all the answers.

Miller got into the Aberdeen rearguard as a teenager when the club reluctantly released their former captain Martin Buchan on a £125,000 transfer to Manchester

United six years ago.

The Pittodrie fans weren't happy. The Dons had two of the best central defenders in the country in Buchan and the towering Willie Young and they didn't want to see the break-up of that partnership. Some even thought Young wouldn't be half as effective with-

Scottish international beside him. However, those grumbles didn't last long when the Pittodrie faithful got a look at Miller in action. "Where did he come from?" they asked themselves with obvious

out the calming influence of the

Miller fitted into the back-four with natural ease and immediately took up where his former skipper had left off. It was only a matter of time before he, too, was going to

be leading the team out on to the pitch.

The player has rarely faltered in his job. Three seasons ago when he was in the transfer spotlight he made a couple of uncharacteristic errors and this seemed to frighten off prospective buyers who wouldn't have been welcomed round Pittodrie in any case.

In front of thousands of fans at lbrox and a large television audience Miller committed the cardinal error of taking his eye off the ball and he allowed Derek Johnstone to dash through after he had made a complete mess of a clearance.

Miller was forced to pull him down and with just one minute to go Alex Miller, no relation, of course, rammed the penalty-kick behind Bobby Clark for the only goal of the game.

Then, a couple of weeks later, Miller was short with a pass-back and a Dundee player nipped in to score and Aberdeen tumbled out of the Scottish Cup to their First Division opponents.

The timing for Miller was diabolical. To a watching neutral it was understandable not to rate the player, but to the Aberdeen fans it was unbelievable. Their most con-

sistent player had blundered badly twice in crucial games, costing vital goals and that just wasn't normal.

Miller, like the thorough professional he is, forgot about his errors and got on with his game.

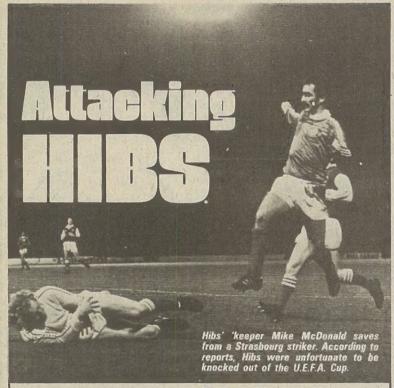
it's rare Miller scores a goal, but when he does hit the net he normally does it in spectacular style. Like the effort that is still talked about by Pittodrie fans in a Scottish Cup match against Rangers.

The Dons were losing by a goal and time was running out when Miller volleyed in a thunderous drive from outside the penalty-area and the ball positively tore past the helpless Stewart Kennedy into the roof of the net almost uprooting the goalposts. Aberdeen went on to win the replay at Ibrox. He refuses to lose his concentra-

He refuses to lose his concentration even when things look bleak. When The Dons were losing 2-0 to Rangers in the Scottish Cup Final last season, he was still organising the team and uging them to press forward. He was leading by inspiration, but, alas, he got no reward that afternoon.

His time will come, though. There can be no arguments about that





HIBS, to be frank, were woeful. They were clueless. They were guileless. They weren't the Hibs of old whose entrancing, devil-may-care attacking attitude won them many neutral fans.

The Easter Road men were stumbling through 90 minutes of League Cup soccer against Morton at Cappielow and they were just

soaking up pressure.

To be fair, they had had sweeper
Jackie McNamara ordered off in
the first-half of the Quarter-Final tie on a cold, windswept November night and this obviously put strain on their resources, but even allowing for this they hardly even tried to make any sort of game of it.

Unawares

They lost 1-0 when Bobby Thompson headed in a near-post corner-kick from Andy Ritchie and afterwards manager Eddie Turnbull said his defence had been caught unawares. At a cornerkick? Amazing!

But in the second-leg Hibs opened up and showed us the other side of their soccer face. They went at Morton, got the two goals they needed and went through to the Semi-Finals.

We should have murdered them at Cappielow," said Morton captain Davie Hayes, who played exceptionally well that evening. "We had them going. They were on the ropes, but we couldn't get

in that knock-out punch.

"You saw it for yourself," he said
to SHOOT's reporter. "How can
you have so much of the game and win only 1-0? It's just not fair. Now we face a really hard game in Edinburgh. We've got it all to do again.

Hayes was spot on. Hibs were an entirely different side at Easter Road and with their two Norwegian imports Sven Mathisen and Isak Refvik making their

debuts they became the swagger-ing, confident, giants of football they can be.

Refvik put two behind goal-keeper Denis Connaghan and that was that. Morton could claim there was little justice. Andy Ritchie, so deadly usually, even missed a penalty-kick.

So, Hibs could argue the end justified the means, but for the sake of football it would be a lot healthy state of affairs if Turnbull's men went out to win every game instead of closing up shop away from home.

No one can tell Eddie Turnbull how to do his job. His record speaks for itself and he obviously plays to his resources, but it must be a bit wearisome for even the most fervent Hibs' fan to watch this sort of Doctor Jekyll and Mr. Hyde performance from his team.

Hibs can be one of the best teams in the country when they strike form. According to most reports they were most unlucky to go out of Europe this season to Strasbourg.

The French club's second goal in the first-leg of the tie on their own soil came from a penalty-kick which a lot of people described as being "a sick joke". Easter Road came alive in the

second-leg, but although they pul-led one back they couldn't get that vital second goal that would have forced the game into extra-time.

Hibs went out, but weren't ashamed. If they fix up Mathisen, an extremely talented midfielder, and Refvik, a hard-working penalty box striker, they will be even better equipped next season to have an assault on the home and European front.

But it would be nice if they started to practise this season. Hibs have a reputation to protect. It would be a shame if their flamboyant, crusading soccer was obscured by crunching, crashing, boring defensive tactics.

NEIL ORR, the Morton starlet, is a young man definitely in the right direction. He has a host of admirers and he's adding to that list with consistently superb displays.

But the boy is keeping his feet firmly planted on the ground. 'The World Cup showed me I still have an awful lot to learn," he says logically. "I'm learning all the time, listening to advice and picking up hints. You can always be taught something new in this game and I'll never lose sight of that."

With that attitude, so refreshing in a youngster these days, Orr is on the up and up and while admitting he is still learning a thing or two about his job, he is still doing enough to convince influential people that he is a player of rare quality, of outstanding ability.

Promised

Manager Benny Rooney knows

Manager Benny Rooney knows he has a job on his hands keeping a player such as Orr at Cappielow when the big money clubs come hunting with their cheque books at the ready, but he has already promised the Morton support he will do everything in his power to keep Orr.

Rooney is aware he could face problems from the fans if he allowed the talented Neil to leave. Orr must be valued in excess of £100,000 at the moment and that value is growing game by game.

And for such a young man play-ing for the first time in the Premier he has proved to be extremely adaptable and versatile. Orr is quick and alert on the ground. He is sure in the tackle and

It may have been a strange look-ing goal, but all credit to Orr for having the courage and the convic-tion to come up with his forwards to press home the advantage. That was Scotland's third goal in their

was Scotland's third goal in the 3-1 victory.
Ironically, Brcic, the American with the Yugoslav sounding name, is still getting a close-up of the power of Orr's shooting, but this time it is in training as Morton have signed him on a temporary transfer from the Cosmos!

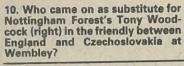
transfer from the Cosmos!
Orr is certainly on the right track.
He knows there is room for improvement in his job in the heart of a defence where you rarely get a second chance when a mistake

The day shouldn't be far off when the pupil turns master!





- Sammy Chung resigned as manager of Wolves last month. Former Peterborough boss John Barnwell (right) was put in charge. Who did he appoint as his number two?
- 2. The football pools panel was in operation for the first time this season on Saturday, December 2nd. Were 21, 31 or 41 Football League games postponed?
- 3. Peter Osgood returned to Stamford Bridge recently when Chelsea paid around £30,000 to which American club?
- 4. Mike Ferguson was sacked as manager of which Fourth Division at the beginning of the
- 5. Everton were also in the transfer news. They paid around a record £30,000 for a non-League player when they signed John Barton from Worcester, Barnet or Bath
- 6. Harry Gregg resigned as boss of Crewe to return to Manchester United as a coach. Who did the Fourth Division club offer the job as manager to?
- 7. Why did the proposed £440,000 transfer of Coventry City goal-keeper Jim Blyth (right) to Manchester United fall through in November?
- 8. Former Crystal Palace and Southampton defender Mel Blyth made a Football League comeback with which Second Division club?
- 9. Can you name the assistantmanager of a First Division club recently linked with the vacant manager's job at Cardiff City?



EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales played in the European Championship on Wednesday, November 29th. See if you can answer the following questions about the tournament.

- 11. Scotland lost 1-0 to Portugal in Lisbon. Did the Portuguese score the winner in the first or second-
- 12. Wales beat Turkey by a similar scoreline and went top of their group table. Did Joey Jones (below), Nick Deacy or Leighton James score their winner?
- 13. Northern Ireland also went top after their superb 2-0 win v. Bulgaria in Sofia. Who scored their
- 14. True or false? The Irish have got maximum points from their three games.
- 15. Which groups do the three countries play in?







ANSWERS

1. Shrewsbury's Richie Barker, 2. 21, 3. Philadelphia Fury 4. Rochdale, 5. Worcester, 5. Warwick Rimmer, 7. He falled a fitness test, 8. Millwall, 9. West Brom's Colin Addison, 10. Bob Latchford, 11. First-half, 12. Deacy, 13. Gerry Armstrong and Billy Caskey, 14. False — they have five points, 15. Scotland — Group Two, Northern Ireland — One and Wales — Seven.



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MANAGER Jim McLean has two brothers involved with Scottish football. Tommy who plays for Rangers and Willie, boss of Raith Rovers.

As a player, Jim was a midfielder and played for Kilmarnock, Clyde and Dundee. After he quit playing, challenging for the premier divi-McLean became a coach at sion title. Dundee.

When Jerry Kerr left as manager of rivals United, around seven years ago, McLean crossed the road and took charge of the Tannadice club.

Apart from winning the Scottish second division title twice (1924-25 and 1928-29) the club have little to show for a career which began in 1910.



PEN PICTURES

HAMISH McALPINE (goalkeeper): Signed from a local club in 1966. 5ft 11ins and 12st 2lbs. A former captain and penalty-taker of the Tannadice club. Manager Jim McLean rates him as the best in

Scotland.
ANDREW GRAHAM (goalkeeper):
Signed from Johnstone Burgh last
year. 6ft and 11st.
RAYMOND STEWART (defender):

Signed three years ago from Errol Rovers. 5ft 10ins and 11st 6lbs. One of the brightest young players in the Premier Division.

FRANK KOPEL (defender): Joined Dundee United from Blackburn Rovers six years ago. 5ft 10ins. 11st 8lbs. A former Manchester United left-back. Has been one of United's most consistent players. RAYMOND LORIMER (defender): Signed for the club last year from Juvenile side. 5ft 8ins. 10st.

DAVID NAREY (defender or mid-fielder): Became the first Tan-nadice player in history to win a full Scottish cap when he came on as substitute against Sweden at Hampden three seasons ago. He

Hampden three seasons ago. He started the recent European Championship match against Portugal in Lisbon. 6ft and 12st 2lbs. Worth around £300,000.

PAUL HEGARTY (defender): Signed for £25,000 from Hamilton four years ago as a forward. Has since moved into the centre-back position and was included in Jock Stein's recent international squads. 5ft 11ins and 10st 12lbs. IAIN PHILLIP (defender): Signed recently from Dundee for £25,000. The ex-Crystal Palace player will help bolster the United first team pool. 6ft and 11st. GRAEME PAYNE (midfielder):

Another of Jim McLean's bright Another of Jim McLean's bright youngsters who has been watched by a host of English clubs. 5ft 6ins and 9st 3lbs.

PAUL STURROCK (winger): Can play on either the right or leftwing. An Under-21 cap. 5ft 8½ ins and 10st 8lbs.

DEREK FRYE (striker): Signed this season from Stranraer for £15,000. A quick, alert raider. 5ft 10ins and 10st 4lbs.

10st 4lbs.

DAVID DODDS (striker): A former Scottish schoolboys cap. Scores a lot of goals and is a bustling, old-fashioned style of player. 5ft 11ins and 11st 5lbs.

Paul Sturrock (left) can play either right or left-wing. He is also a Scotland Under-21 international.

GEORGE FLEMING (utility player): Signed from Hearts in 1972 and has played in just about every pos-ition for the Tannadice side. A good club man. 5ft 9ins and 10st

JOHN HOLT (utility player): A youngster with a big future. He is at home in both defence and attack. 5ft 9ins and 11st 6lbs.

BILLY KIRKWOOD (striker): An energetic youngster who is cap-

Boss at Tannadice is Jim McLean (above, left). United's John Holt (right) jumps with Rangers 'keeper Peter McCloy during a 1-1 Premier draw at Ibrox this term. United reached the 1973-74 Scottish Cup Final only to lose 3-0 to Celtic (below,





able of snatching valuable goals. 5ft 10ins and 10st 5lbs.

ALEX RENNIE (defender): Another experienced player signed on a free transfer from St. Johnstone in 1975. 5ft 10ins and 11st.

WALTER SMITH (defender): Signed from Dumbarton, he looks after the youngsters in the reserves. 6ft 1in and 11st 9lbs.

GORDON WALLACE (striker): Signed from Raith Rovers last season for £25,000 to replace his veteran namesake. 5ft 7ins and 10st

